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Births.

HORNE.—January 25, at Athelstane, Murrurundi, the wife of R. Kenney Horne—a daughter.

KOPSEN.—January 26, at Waxholm, Strathfield, the wife of W. Kopsen, of a son.

SWINBURNE.—January 25, at her residence, Worth Toolburra, Warwick, Queensland, the wife of Charles Swinburne, of a son.

Marriages.

HARRIS—TRELOAR.—January 28, 1897, at St. Matthew's Church, Merrylands, near Sydney, N.S. Wales, by Archdeacon Günther, M.A., Percy R. Harris, Enfield, Middlesex, England, to Ada Treloar, Gympie, Queensland, eldest daughter of Henry Treloar, Marazion, Cornwall, England.

PLUMMER—PULLAN.—December 17, 1896, at St. Paul's Church, Redfern, by Rev. F. B. Boyce, Lester, youngest son of late Samuel Plummer, of Taree, to Maudie, daughter of late Thomas Ward Pullan, M.D., of Melbourne.

SMITH—VON DER HEYDE.—December 12, 1896, at St. Mary's Church, Byfleet, Surrey, England, by the Rev. Granville E. Money, assisted by Rev. S. R. Nobbs Rawdon, Vicar of Pagham, Sussex, Archibald Seth-Smith, son of Charles Edward Seth-Smith, of Silvermere, Cobham, Surrey, to Ella Blanche, third daughter of the late Gustav von der Heyde and Mrs. von der Heyde, of Auckland, New Zealand. New Zealand papers please copy.

Deaths.

BERGHOFER.—January 27, at his parents' residence, Orilla, Denison-road, Dulwich Hill, Charles Ferdinand, dearly-beloved infant son of Charles and Lilian Berghofer, aged 7 months and 2 weeks. South Australian papers please copy.

ELLIOTT.—January 26, 1897, at Kennington, Ashfield Park, Elizabeth, the beloved wife of Edwin Charles Elliott, aged 53 years. Interred at Rookwood.

M'ELVENEY.—January 28, 1897, at his residence, 52 Stewart-street, Paddington, John S. M'Elveney, in his 48th year.

RODEN.—January 28, 1897, at his residence, Hermanville, Brent-street, North Sydney, John Roden, in his 76th year.

WILLIAMSON.—December 20, at Kirkwall, Orkney, Scotland, Charles D. Williamson, aged 25 years.

In Memoriam.

GRUNDAMAN.—In fond and loving remembrance of Frederick Grundaman, who departed this life on the 29th of January, 1893. Dead but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving mother and father, brothers and sisters.

LANCE.—In loving remembrance of our dear father, Alfred Lance, who departed this life 29th January, 1896, aged 57. Dead but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving son and daughter-in-law, Fred. and Amy.

LANCE.—In sad but loving remembrance of Alfred Lance, who departed this life 29th January, 1896, at his residence, King-street, Newtown. Inserted by his sorrowing wife and family. Thy will be done.

O'HARA.—In sad but loving memory of my dear father, John O'Hara, who departed this life 29th January, 1888, at his residence, No. 1 Bayswater-road, aged 66; also my loving mother, who departed this life 13th January, 1886, aged 68. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord. Inserted by their loving daughter, Winefred Bennett.

RUSSELL.—In sad but loving memory of my dearly-beloved husband, Edwin W. Russell, who died 29th January, 1896.

I do not envy you your well-earned rest
Beyond the ebb and flow of mortal tide,
Although life's cares have harder on me pressed
Than in the days when you were by my side;
And every burden has a double weight,
Because I henceforth must bear it alone;
And every sorrow seemeth twice as great,
Because no heart can know it save my own.

Thy will be done. Inserted by his loving, lonely wife, Sarah Ann Russell.

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*Par'matta	4998	C. F. Preston	Mar. 27	April 3	April 7
*Ballaarat	4890	T. S. Angus	April 10	April 17	April 21
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Steamer.	Commander.	Tons	Leave Sydney at noon. 1897.	Leave Melbourne. 1897.	Leave Adelaide. 1897.
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P. R. Luitpold	H. Walter	6700	Feb. 24	March 2	March 6
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*AUSTRAL	5524	J. F. Anderson	Mar. 20
*OROTAVA	5552	I. Linklater	April 3
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ROCKHAMPTON	Ranelagh, This Day, 5 p.m., Jan. 29 Maranoa, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 2
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THURSDAY ISLD. NORMANTON BURKETOWN	Aramac, Tues., 5 p.m., Feb. 9 (Change at Cooktown).
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Public Notices.

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LOST POLICY.
NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the abovenamed Society, after the expiration of one month from the publication of this notice, to issue to CHARLES JOHNSON, of Tintenbar, in the colony of New South Wales, a SPECIAL POLICY under the provisions of the Lost Policies Act of 1895, in lieu of a Policy on his life in the sum of £150 effected with the said Society on the twenty-second day of October, 1880, and numbered 6706, which Policy has been burnt, unless any claim by any other person to such Policy shall previously be established.
Dated at 279 George-street, Sydney, this 29th day of January, 1897.
By order of the Board,
J. M. M'CRAE,
Resident Secretary.

THE MUTUAL ASSURANCE SOCIETY OF VICTORIA, Limited.
LOST POLICY.
NOTICE is hereby given that it is the intention of the abovenamed Society, after the expiration of one month from the publication of this notice, to issue to ISAAC CHARLES HAMMOND, of Cathcart, in the colony of New South Wales, Farmer, a SPECIAL POLICY under the provisions of the Lost Policies Act 1895 in lieu of a Policy on his life in the sum of £100 effected with the said Society on the 30th day of May, 1881, and numbered 7941, which Policy has been burnt, unless any claim by any other person to such Policy shall previously be established.
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Dated this 28th day of January, 1897.
Mrs. J. PRITCHARD.

THE CIVIL SERVICE CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited.
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Legal Notices.

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A CERTIFICATE OF DISCHARGE.—IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy. No. 5422.—Re THOMAS GEORGE GREEN, of George-street, Sydney. To the Official Assignee and Creditors. TAKE NOTICE, that I, THOMAS GEORGE GREEN, intend to apply to his Honor the Judge in Bankruptcy, at the Court, Chancery-square, Sydney, on WEDNESDAY, the twenty-fourth day of February, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will admit, that a Certificate of Discharge be granted to me, under and according to the provisions of the Act 51 Victoria, No. 19. Dated this 28th day of January, 1897. THOS. G. GREEN. F. GANNON and SONS, Solicitors, 100 King-street.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of DANIEL HOLBOROW, late of Ashfield, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Gentleman, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, King-street, Sydney; and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the fourth day of March, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. And Notice is also hereby given that on the allowance of the said Accounts by the Court Commission will be applied for on behalf of the Executors. Dated this 28th day of January, A.D. 1897. R. C. MONDAY (L.S.), Deputy Registrar of Probates. ROLIN and GILDER, Proctors for Executors, 92 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN LAW, late of Brown-street, Paddington, in the colony of New South Wales, Esquire, deceased.—NOTICE is hereby given that a Further Account of the Executors and Trustees of the Will of the abovenamed deceased has this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any Claims against the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me, at my said office, on or before the third day of March next, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and, if they shall think fit, object thereto; otherwise, if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this 28th day of January, A.D. 1897. R. C. MONDAY, Deputy Registrar.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JANE SKELLETT, late of Picton, in the colony of New South Wales, wife of JOHN SKELLETT, deceased, intestate.—NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any debt or claim upon or affecting the Estate of JANE SKELLETT, the abovenamed deceased, who died on or about the 21st day of July, 1896, and Letters of Administration of whose Estate were granted by the Supreme Court of New South Wales, in its Probate Jurisdiction, on the 17th day of September, 1896, to JOHN SKELLETT, of Picton aforesaid, the Husband of the said deceased, are hereby required to send in particulars of their claims to the said John Skellett, or to the undersigned, ALFRED SYDNEY PERKS, Proctor, on or before the seventeenth day of March next, at the expiration of which time the said John Skellett will proceed to distribute the assets of the said deceased among the persons entitled thereto, having regard to the debts and claims only of which he shall then have had notice, and the said John Skellett will not be liable for the assets so distributed to any person of whose debt or claim he shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 28th day of January, A.D. 1897. ALFRED SYDNEY PERKS, Proctor for the Administrator, Picton. By HENRY SALWEY, 60 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will and Codicils of WILLIAM WYATT GILL, late of Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Congregational Minister, deceased.—PURSUANT to the Trust Property Act of 1862, NOTICE is hereby given that all Creditors and other persons having any Claims upon or being otherwise interested in the Estate of the abovenamed deceased (who died at Sydney aforesaid on the eleventh day of January, 1897) are hereby required to send in full particulars of their Claims to the undersigned, the Proctors for the Executors of the Estate of the said deceased, before the thirty-first day of March next, after which date the said Executors will proceed to distribute the Assets of the said deceased amongst the parties entitled thereto, having regard to the claims of which they shall then have notice; and the said Executors shall not be liable for the assets, or any part thereof, so distributed to any person of whose claim they shall not have had notice at the time of such distribution. Dated this 27th day of January, 1897. ICETON and FAITHFULL, Proctors for the Executors, 88 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of MARY ANN M'DOUGALL, late of Marrickville, near Sydney, in the colony of New South Wales, Married Woman, deceased, intestate.—APPLICATION will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to JOHN M'DOUGALL, of Marrickville aforesaid, the Husband of the said deceased. LAURENCE and RICH, Proctors for the Applicant, Bligh-chambers, 10 Bligh-street, Sydney.

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LOST, by the undersigned, a pair of PRESENTED Field GLASSES, carelessly left on seat at the Members' Pavilion at 5 p.m. on last Wednesday, the 27th.
Will finder please return the same to Secretary of C. Club, as they are particularly valued.
G. M. BATTYE, Captain,
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Government Notices.

HIS Excellency the Governor will be prepared to receive, up till the 1st March, 1897, TENDERS for a Steam Service for the Conveyance of Mails to and from Norfolk Island. Full particulars obtainable at Government House.
A. F. H. FERGUSON, Captain,
Acting Private Secretary.

FACTORIES AND SHOPS ACT OF 1896.

Department of Labour and Industry,
Sydney, 27th January, 1897.

The attention of Occupiers of Factories and Shops is directed to the Proclamation of the following Electoral Districts, to be a district for the purposes of the Factories and Shops Act of 1896, on and after the 1st FEBRUARY NEXT, and to be called the "Metropolitan Factories and Shops District," namely:—Annandale, Ashfield, Balmain North and South, Botany, Burwood, Canterbury, Darlington, Glebe, Granville, Leichhardt, Marrickville, Paddington, Parramatta, Petersham, Randwick, Ryde, Redfern, St. George, St. Leonards, Waverley, Woollahra, Willoughby, Waterloo, and Warringah; Sydney—Belmore, Bligh, Lang, Cook, Denison, Fitzroy, Flinders, Gipps, King, (except South Solitary, Montague, and Lord Howe Islands), Phillip, and Pyrmont Divisions; Newtown—Camperdown, Erskine, and St. Peters Divisions.

Within 28 days from the first day of February, all occupiers of factories are required to serve on the Clerk in Charge, Department of Labour and Industry, Public Instruction Offices, Sydney, a written notice containing such particulars as may be prescribed. On receipt of such notice the factory will be registered, and a certificate of registration be issued to the occupier. Should any occupier neglect or omit to serve the notice required by the Act he will be liable to a penalty not exceeding ten pounds. Notices prescribing the particulars to be furnished by occupiers of factories, as well as abstracts of the Act, may be obtained gratis at the office of the Department, or will be forwarded on receipt of a properly stamped and addressed envelope.

Copies of the Act may be purchased from the Government Printer.

The following places have been exempted by proclamation from the operation of the Act:—LAUNDRIES in which the only persons employed are: (a) Inmates of any prison, reformatory, or industrial school, or other institution for the time being subject to inspection under any Act other than the Factories and Shops Act; or (b) inmates of any institution conducted in good faith for religious or charitable purposes.
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The Annual General MEETING of the above Society will be held at the Institution, Pitt-street, on FRIDAY, JANUARY 29th, at 4 o'clock p.m.

Business:
To receive Annual Report for 1896, to appoint office-bearers, and to fill vacancies caused by retiring Directors in accordance with the Society's bylaws, to receive Balance-sheets, and to transact other business.

Subscribers to the Institution and the general public are cordially invited to attend.
E. T. PENFOLD, Hon. Secretary.
Benevolent Asylum, January 14, 1897.

WESTERN SUBURBS COTTAGE HOSPITAL.

The Annual General MEETING of Contributors will be held in the Council-chambers, Strathfield, on FRIDAY, 29th instant, at 8 p.m.

Business:
1. Adoption of Annual Report and Balance-sheet.
2. Election of Committee and Auditors.
3. Transaction of any other business that may be legally brought before the meeting.

The public are cordially invited.
JOHN DART,
Hon. Secretary.
W.S.C. Hospital,
Jan. 20, 1896.

NEW SOUTH WALES MONT DE PIETE D. AND I. COMPANY, Limited,
74 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

GENERAL MEETING.

A General MEETING of Shareholders in the above Company will be held on FRIDAY, 29th instant, upon the Company's premises, as above, at 11.30 a.m.
By order of the Board of Directors,
LEWIS LEVY,
General Manager.

Business:
To receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet, and to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.
Dated 15th January, 1897.

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By order,
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Dated 15th January, 1897.

NATIONAL RIFLE ASSOCIATION OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Thirty-sixth Annual General MEETING will be held at the United Service Institute, Chancery-square, THIS EVENING, 29th January, at 7.45, to receive Report and Balance-sheet for 1896, elect President and Vice-presidents and ten Members of the Council, and the consideration of any other business that may be brought forward.

Lieutenant-Col. Longfield has given notice that he will move the omission of the words "RESIDENT IN THE COLONY" from section 3 rule IX.

The following nominations for the Ten Vacancies in the Council have been received:—Mr. J. J. Brenan, Parramatta C.R.C.; Major A. Fraser, retired list; Lieutnt. Keating, N.A.V.; Captain Leggatt, 1st Regiment; Lieut.-Col. Longfield, retired list; Mr. Jas. Mitchell, Sydney C.R.C.; Surgeon-Lieut. Newmarch, Med.-Staff Corps; Mr. C. W. Prott, Wollongong C.R.C.; Mr. W. Rickwood, Naval Brigade; Major Stack, retired list; Lieutenant Stephens, N.A.V.; and Mr. H. Vernon, Sydney C.R.C.
W. FOSKETT, Captain,
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THE WATSON'S BAY AND SOUTH SHORE STEAM FERRY COMPANY, Limited.

The Tenth Annual General MEETING of Shareholders will be held at the office of Mr. W. Liggins, Imperial-chambers, O'Connell-street, Sydney, TO-DAY, the 29th day of January, at 3.45 p.m.

Business:
To receive the Report of the Directors and Balance-sheet to 31st December, 1896; to elect two Directors in the room of F. A. Oatley, Esq., and J. R. Hill, Esq., who retire by rotation, but are eligible for re-election; and to transact any other business which may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Articles of Association.
By order of the Board,
REGINALD H. WEBSTER,
Manager.
Sydney, 14th January, 1897.

CANDIDATES for the position of Director are required to give notice, in writing, to the Manager of the Company seven days prior to the date of General Meeting.

F. A. OATLEY, Esq., and J. R. HILL, Esq., have given the notice that they are Candidates for re-election to the position of Director.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the Ninth Half-yearly General MEETING of Shareholders of this Company will be held on FRIDAY, the 29th January, 1897, at 4 p.m., at the Company's Office, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, Sydney to receive the Directors' Report and Balance-sheet for the half-year ending December the 31st, 1896; and to transact such other Business as may be brought forward in conformity with the Rules and Regulations.
By order of the Board.
G. S. BURACOTT,
Manager.
Sydney, 18th January, 1897.

THE BROKEN HILL ORE RECOVERY COMPANY.

Annual General MEETING, at the Long Room, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, THIS DAY, at noon.
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Houses and Land for Sale.

WONDERFUL and EXTRAORDINARY VALUE.

Positive and Imperative Sale to Close Partnership Accounts.
40s per foot, 50s per foot, 60s per foot.
The few remaining Allotments on the Celebrated
MOUNT ALBION ESTATE,
Fern, Douglas, and Albion streets,
WAVERLEY and RANDWICK.
No Reasonable Offer Refused.
Liberal Discount for Cash,
or Long Credit at 6 per cent.
Torrens Title obtainable at once.

Each Lot is not less than 40 x 150, roads all formed. Every Lot kerbed and guttered, water and sewerage, part portion of Douglas-street.

Remember, this is unquestionably the CHEAPEST LAND in the EASTERN SUBURBS. Intending purchasers are invited to obtain Plan, and compare with other Estates. Tram stops on land. Come and see, and judge for yourself. Beautiful ocean views. Sea Bathing at Bronte, &c., &c.
Plans —
E. C. V. BROUGHTON, 250 Pitt-street, Sydney.

FOR SALE OR TO LET, MODEL FARM and country Residence, 6 acres, at BELMORE, known as WILHELMS RUHE, comfortably furnished, and well stocked, good orchard, vineyard, strawberries, tennis lawn, and good stabling. This property would suit retiring squatter, or business man fond of country life; within only 8 miles of city, and close to station. W. KUTNEWSKY, Esq., intends to sell owing to his early departure for Europe. Apply at the residence; or at
5 OTIS-CHAMBERS, KING-STREET.

SUBURBAN FREEHOLD FOR SALE. SAFE INVESTMENT.

£142 NET FOR £1500 INVESTED.
Hotel PROPERTY in perfect order, and doing a large trade, close to railway, and surrounded by various manufactories. The lease will shortly expire, but a new one can be arranged with the present tenant, if desired, for a period of 5 years at £217 net per annum, tenant paying all rates and taxes, besides keeping the premises in thorough repair. Price £3000, £1500 cash, and balance at 5 per cent. for 3 or 5 years.

☞ This is a genuine and safe speculation. No trouble with rent. Cash sure every Monday.
MARSHALL and DEMPSTER,
112 Pitt-street,
opposite G.P.O.

CITY.—5 Houses, Ulster-street, mortgagee's sale, bargain, £1200.
CITY.—4 Houses, Macquarie-street South, near Albion-street, £1200.
COTTAGE, on 10 acres land, 2 acres orchard, price £200.
ORCHARD (2 acres vineyard, 3 acres), brick Cottage, 6 rooms, and 15 acres land, £950.
ORCHARD and COTTAGE, on 10 acres land, price £200.
C. T. BURFITT, 65 Market-street.

FOR SALE, nice HOUSE, overlooking Centennial Park, contains 4 rooms, kitchen, connected sewer, close tram, full price only £135; £10 only required, balance 10s 6d week. Also, det. COTTAGE, with stable, £125; £50 deposit, balance rent. PHEGAN and WALSH, Waverley-road, Waverley.

LADY must SELL handsome 6-roomed DWELLING, tiled verandah 80ft. long, folding-doors, marble mantels, e. bells, laundry (fixed tubs), fully furnished throughout, including piano, let at 27s 6d week, Torrens title, full price for everything complete only £580.
PHEGAN and WALSH, Waverley-road, Waverley.

FOR immediate SALE, new Brick VILLA, hall, bath, gas, pretty bay window, garden plot, iron railings, marble mantels, tiled entrance, e. bells, laundry (fixed tubs), let at 15s per week, must be sold, price only £250; half cash, balance 6 per cent.
PHEGAN and WALSH, Waverley.

CARLINGFORD, near station.—Good PROPERTY of 12 acres, 10 of which are planted with a variety of choice fruit trees (full bearing), 2 acres timbered land, all securely fenced, good water, cottage, stables, and packing sheds. Offer wanted; must wind up deceased estate.
G. H. MOBBS, Parramatta.

FOR SALE, Grape and Fruit ORCHARD and Italian Bee FARM, Guildford, near reservoir, Lithgow-road, Sherwood Heights. Come and inspect the crops.
Apply V. DONNELLY.

CHATSWOOD, Mosman, Longueville.—Land for Sale, in lots to suit purchasers. Harnett, Hunter-st.

STANMORE.—Good Investment.—Two new comfortable COTTAGES, well finished, all latest improvements, 4 rooms, kitchen, good position, return £67 per annum. Price £680, or £330 each, cash. 24 Lincoln-st., Railway-av.

LAND for SALE, Waverley, Macpherson-st., 2¼ acres, £1000. Kitt and Co., 38 Elizabeth-st., city.

DRUMMOYNE.—Grand Stone Cottage, 5 rooms, &c., land 50 x 150, £425. Kitt and Co., 38 Elizabeth-st.

KENSINGTON.—New detached Cottage, 5 rooms, kit., land 25 x 132, £500. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st., city.

MOSMAN.—Snug Cottage, 6 rooms, kit., bathroom, hall, &c., l. 40 x 150, £550. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

MANLY, near Baths.—Handsome Cottage, 8 rooms, land 50 x 150, price £775. Kitt and Co., 38 Eliz.-st.

SPLEN. sit., new W.B. Cott., 5 r., &c., land 80 x 176, 11 miles Syd., £250. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

PRETTY brick Cottage, 5 r., &c., close Waverley Post-office, £390. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

NEWTOWN.—4 Brick Houses, each 5 r., always tenanted, £1500. Page and Company, 139 King-st.

PADDINGTON.—W.B. Cott., stone foundations, 6 r., tenanted 3 yrs., 10s, £240. Page and Co., 139 King-st.

LEICHHARDT.—Choice pos., very sup. brick House, hall, d r., &c., £550, offer. Page and Co., 139 King-st.

LEWISHAM.—Several pretty Cottages, 4 rooms and all mod. conven's, from £350. Laverack and Co., Le'sham.

AUBURN.—Several very good Cottage Properties from £5 dep. up. Lamb Gibbons, opp. rail. stn., P'matta.

POULTRY Farm, P'matta, 8a., brick Cot., 4 r'ms, £200, £30 dep., b. r. Lamb Gibbons, opp. rail. stn., P'matta.

HARCOURT.

POSITIVE SALE, by Liquidator, close to Campsie Railway Station, 7 miles from City. On GROUND TO-MORROW, SATURDAY, 30th January, at 3 p.m. Free railw. ticket. Full partic. see Auction Col. This Day. R. and W., Ltd.

Auction Sales.

TO BUILDERS and Dealers in Building Materials.
On the Premises, Wilson and Brown streets, NEWTOWN.
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 1897, at 11 a.m.
JAMES COWAN, 266 Pitt-street, has been favoured with instructions from Messrs. Trescott and Co. to sell by public auction,
The whole of the building materials lately used in the erection of their Hop-beer Factory, consisting of 200 sheets galvd. iron, T. and G. flooring, joists, rafters, sundries.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

HORSES, VEHICLES, and HARNESS.

GEORGE KISS will sell by auction, at the Bazaar THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock,
All lots not specially advertised.
And at 12 o'clock,
All lots specially advertised.
Regular Sales at the Bazaar daily, and at Camperdown or elsewhere any afternoon.
LIVERY.—In this department charges moderate and best of forage.

FRESH COUNTRY COW.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions from Mr. H. Hyland to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
Fresh country cow, with calf at foot; good milker.

ENGLISH DOGCART TURNOUT.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
A chestnut gelding, 6 years, quiet in saddle and harness, used to trams; also English dogcart and harness, in splendid order.

PONY SULKY TURNOUT.

GEORGE KISS has received instructions to sell by auction, at the Bazaar, THIS DAY, Friday, at 12 o'clock,
A handsome cream pony, broken to saddle and harness, tram trial, with sulky and harness, a good lot; also saddle and bridle.

GEORGE KISS will sell This Afternoon, at 3 o'clock, Wyandottes, Minorcas, and Malay Game, from L'pool.

FOR PRIVATE SALE—
9 2-horse OMNIBUSES
4 4-horse ditto
82 HORSES and HARNESS, complete
Also, LINE of ROAD from Railway to Circular Quay.
Apply
SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY, Limited, 17 Macquarie-place.

FOR PRIVATE SALE—
11 OMNIBUSES
88 HORSES
HARNESS, complete
Also, LINE of ROAD, Pyrmont to Circular Quay.
Apply
SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY, Limited, 17 Macquarie-place.

TO LET, STABLING for 42 horses, Pyrmont-street, Ultimo.
Apply SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY, Limited, 17 Macquarie-place.

TO LET, STABLING for 32 horses, Francis-street, Glebe.
Apply SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY, Limited, 17 Macquarie-place.

TO LET, the PREMISES lately used by the undersigned as Feed Works at Pyrmont-street, Ultimo, including CHAFFCUTTERS, CORNCRUSHERS, MIXING PLANT, ENGINE, BOILERS, &c., &c., complete.
Apply
SYDNEY TRAMWAY AND OMNIBUS COMPANY, Limited,
17 Macquarie-place.

INGLIS and SON'S HORSE BAZAAR.
WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m. sharp,
Vans, springcarts, horses, and harness, draught horses, tipdrays, and harness.
At 12 o'clock,
Horses and vehicles of every description specially advertised. Tel., 1381.

PAIR PIEBALD PONY GELDINGS, 12.2 high.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. G. RILEY to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Pair piebald geldings (full brothers), 12.2 high, thoroughly broken s. and d. harness.

THREE WELL-BRED HORSES FROM CAMDEN.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. T. PARKER, Camden, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock,
Chestnut gallopway gelding, 5 years, 14 hands, by Little Jim, winner of couple of races
Bay well-bred gelding, 16 hands, broken to s. and h.
Bay gelding, by Welcome Jack, 6 years, brs. s. and h.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS, THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

60 REALLY FIRST-CLASS FRESH COUNTRY HORSES,
and
20 SPLENDID PONIES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above, at 2.30 o'clock.

On account Mr. JAMES M'CLAIR, Bathurst:
25 REALLY FIRST-CLASS HORSES, comprising principally extra heavy draught colts and fillies, the balance upstanding well-bred horses, in ages 4 and 5 years old, 15 to 16 hands high, and in splendid condition.

_ THE ABOVE ARE DESCRIBED AS AN EXCEPTIONALLY GRAND LOT. The heavy draughts are by the best sires in the Western district, and the light portion are by an IMPORTED COACHING STALLION, and his stock have been prizetakers at the Bathurst Show.

On account Mr. W. H. DALTON, Gunnedah:
35 VERY SUPERIOR HORSES, consisting of heavy draught colts and fillies, and superior light harness and saddle horses.

THE DRAUGHT PORTION were bred by Mr. T. P. WELLS, AND THE WHOLE ARE A FIRST-CLASS LOT.

On account Messrs. DALWOOD and CO., Bowral.
20 SPLENDID PONIES, 3 and 4 years old, 12 to 14 HANDS HIGH, by TAM O' SHANTER and CHILDE HAROLD.

INGLIS'S WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE ON FRIDAY, RAILWAY SALE YARDS, 827 GEORGE-STREET.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction at their Railway Yards, 827 George-street, THIS DAY, Friday,
At 12 o'clock sharp,
Calves, pigs, lambs, suckers, &c.
At half-past 1 o'clock sharp,
Turkeys, ducks, geese, fowls, pigeons, &c.
At 3 o'clock sharp,
Roll and keg butter from best Southern factories and dairies, eggs, bacon, cheese, lard, honey, &c., &c.

60 HORSES. 60 HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN SALEYARDS.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Ltd., will sell by auction as above for A. M. TAYLOR, Esq., Jimbour,
60 horses, 4 to 6 years, mainly unbroken.

Full particulars later.

FOR PRIVATE SALE.

Grey Gelding, WYANGLE, 6 years, by Mercury (son of Snowden).
Very handsome, fast walker and trotter, and a splendid hack.

ON VIEW AT FENNELLY'S BAZAAR.

T. S. CLIBBORN,
14 Castlereagh-street.

IMPORTANT SALE OF PRODUCE.

ROBERT LITTLE and CO. will sell by public auction at Mr. George Welle's Rooms, Corporation-buildings, Sussex and Market streets,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 29th instant,
at 12 noon prompt,
1500 bags Maize, also Straw and other Produce.

Auctioneers' Offices, 156 and 158 Sussex-street.

WEEKLY PRODUCE SALE.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Sydney Produce Saleyards, at the rear of 791 George-street South, entrance Valentine-lane, THIS DAY,
At half-past 1 o'clock sharp,
Fat calves, porkers, baconers, suckers.
At half-past 2 o'clock sharp,
The usual weekly supply of choice brands of creamery, factory, and dairy roll and keg butter, cheese, bacon, eggs, honey, lard, fruit, &c.
At 3 o'clock sharp,
A very large quantity of poultry, including ducks, geese, turkeys, fowls, pigeons, birds, &c.

THE FARMERS' AUCTION SALE YARDS, Thomas-street, off Engine-street, Haymarket.
R. F. MURPHY and Co. will sell by auction at their Room and Yard THIS DAY,
at 1.15 sharp,
Suckers, porkers, stores, calves, &c.
At 2.30
Prime poultry, ex rail and Hawkesbury River, comprising ducks, geese, fowls, turkeys, pigeons, birds, &c.
At 3.45,
New-laid and country eggs, maize, potatoes, hides, wax, hair, and sundries.

SEAFORTH PROCTER will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at Darling Harbour Station, at 9 o'clock, Wood. At Produce Mart, 741 George-street, at 1 o'clock,
Fat calves, fat pigs sucking pigs, carcase pork
Turkeys, geese, ducks, fowls, pigeons, birds
Roll and keg butter, cheese, hams, bacon, lard
120 cases superior duck and hen eggs
Fruit, melons, potatoes, honey, wax, hides, skins, sund.

BANNISTER, MORRIS, and CO. will sell by auction, THIS DAY, at Newtown, at 7 o'clock, Wood, &c.
And at Darling Harbour, at 8 o'clock,
Wood, &c.

PRODUCE SALES.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.
SALES by AUCTION will be held TO-DAY, Friday, as under:—
HIDES.—At the various stores, at 9.30 a.m.
SHEEPSKINS.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11.30 a.m.
TALLOW.—At John Bridge and Co.'s Stores, Circular Quay, at 2.30 p.m.

AUCTION SALE AT MANLY.
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, at 11 a.m.

ROBT. F. ROYAN has been favoured with instructions to sell by public auction, the whole of the superior household furniture and effects, comprising
Bedsteads and bedding, drawing and dining room furniture, Brussels carpets, pictures, kitchen utensils, &c.; also a really good piano in rosewood frame, by Broadwood.
On the premises, Annandale, Cohen-street, Thornton's Hill, Manly, occupied by G. F. Wood, Esq.,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, January 29, at 11 a.m.

Terms, Cash. Absolutely Unreserved.
ROBT. F. ROYAN,
Auctioneer.

TO BUILDERS, CONTRACTORS, DEALERS, and Others.
DEMOLITION of GRAND STAND and Buildings.
On the Premises, Carrington Ground, Bourke-st., Surry H.
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1897, at 11 a.m.
JAMES COWAN, 266 Pitt-street, has received instructions from the Proprietors to sell by public auction,
The whole of the materials used in the construction of the above, consisting of joists, rafters, principals, 1000 sheets galvd. iron, doors, frames, sashes, Oregon, &c.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

To Blacksmiths, Contractors, Engineers, Dealers, and others.
On the Premises, off 278 SUSSEX-STREET,
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th, at 11 a.m.
JAMES COWAN has received instructions from Messrs. J. L. Vallentine and Co. (in consequence of relinquishing business), to sell by public auction, on the above date, the whole of their well-equipped and well-assorted stock of machinery and plant, consisting as follows:—
1 2-h.p. Otto and Crossley Silent gas engine, with 2 sole slides, nearly new; 1 screw-cutting lathe, 10ft. bed, 8in. centre, dog chucks, carriers, mandrils, tools, &c.; shaping and drilling machines
12-h.p. multitubular boiler and 12 other boilers
Anvils, bellows, punching and shearing machines
Emery grinder, grindstones, Ratchet braces, ropes
Chain, stocks and dies, hydraulic jacks, iron, steel
Lomore and Tregurwellblock, iron, bar and flat steel
Galvanised iron, bolts and nuts, Fairbank's weighing machine, swedge blocks, shearlegs, deferential blocks, office furniture, immense quantity of tools of all descriptions, well-boring tools, pulleys
Shafting, P. blocks, belting, &c., vyces, large quantity of general sundries too numerous to mention.
TERMS, CASH. NO RESERVE.

THIS DAY, at 3 p.m., GUILLE and CO. will auction at Rooms, Enmore-rd., Furniture and Sundries.

ABRIDGED ADVERTISEMENT.

DARLINGHURST.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, AT 11 A.M.

IMPORTANT and IMPERATIVE
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
at
the RESIDENCE, 87 DARLINGHURST-ROAD
(near the top of William-street).

The whole of the
HANDSOME ENGLISH FURNITURE
and
HOUSEHOLD APPOINTMENTS.

STERLING SILVER PLATE,
Electro-plate, China, and Glass.

A SUPERB STEINWAY PIANOFORTE
(Upright Grand).

☞ This Magnificent Instrument is guaranteed a Genuine NEW YORK STEINWAY (recognised by the musical world as the Best Pianoforte Manufactured), and cannot be too highly recommended. The tone is brilliant, with perfect touch, and the mechanism on the latest principles.

COLLECTION OF FINE DRESDEN,
including
the HISTORICAL PIECE
Count Brühl's Tailor,
and
OTHER RARE EXAMPLES.

JAMES R. LAWSON (Lawson and Smith) has been favoured with instructions to sell by auction, at the Residence as above, THIS DAY, 29th JANUARY, at 11 a.m.

_ On View PRIOR TO SALE.

_ CATALOGUES can be obtained at
☞ THE RESIDENCE.

OPENING SALE AT OUR NEW ROOMS.

To the Wholesale and Retail Furnishing Trade, Country Buyers, Dealers, and others.

FOR UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION,
ON ACCOUNT AND RISK OF THE CONSIGNORS,
AT THE ROOMS, 12 BARRACK-STREET
(opposite the Savings Bank),
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, JANUARY 29,
at 11 O'CLOCK SHARP.

Just landed, in splendid order,
ex s.s. Guthrie,
44 ORIGINAL PACKAGES
of
BLEACHED CANE and RATTAN FURNITURE,
comprising
DRAWING-ROOM SETTEES and COUCHES
DRAWING-ROOM, OCCASIONAL, and RECEPTION CHAIRS
ARM CHAIRS, VERANDAH CHAIRS
LOUNGES and LOUNGE CHAIRS
CHINA MATTINGS and BAMBOO BLINDS.

A. TRAVERSI and CO. will sell the above shipment, at their new rooms, 12 BARRACK-STREET (opposite the Savings Bank), THIS DAY, FRIDAY, January 29, at 11 o'clock sharp.
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at ELEVEN A.M.

HIGHLY IMPORTANT SALE at BURWOOD.

STRONGMAN and WATSON have been favoured with instructions from Mrs. BRAY to sell at

"WANDILLY,"

BELMORE AND CONDER STREETS,
near station,
THE VERY HANDSOME
and
COSTLY CONTENTS
of
SEVEN FINE ROOMS,
ENTRANCE HALL, AND OUTOFFICES,
in exquisite order and condition.

THE MAGNIFICENT SEMI-GRAND
VOGEL PIANO,
quite equal to new,
and cost 120 guineas at
PALING'S
a short time ago.

_ The attention of the Musical Profession and Private Buyers of a really First-class Horizontal Semi-Grand is directed to this Instrument. The Musical Profession and others invited to inspect.

Buyers of Elegant Art Furnishings, Grand Carpets, Mattings, Linoleums, and other requisites should attend.

SOME FIRST QUALITY ELECTROPLATE
and
CUTLERY
TABLE DAMASK, BED LINEN
TAPESTRY, CHENILLE and LACE CURTAINS
GRAND ETAGERES, INLAID ITALIAN WALNUT
8ft. SIDEBOARD
AMERICAN WALNUT 4ft. SIDEBOARD
OVERMANTELS
LOVELY OCCASIONAL CHAIRS
ELEGANTLY UPHOLSTERED CHAIRS and SETTEE
SOLID WALNUT DINING SUITE
CAPITAL COTTAGE PIANO
SUPERB CONSOLE MIRROR
CHARMING PAINTINGS in OILS and WATER-COLOURS
by Eminent Artists.
BEAUTIFUL BEDROOM APPOINTMENTS
in WALNUT, &c.
USEFUL LINES IN VARIETY
throughout.
LOUNGES, ALL BRASS-M. BEDSTEADS and FINEST QUALITY BEDDING.

ALL FOR UNRESERVED SALE.

KITCHEN REQUISITES IN ABUNDANCE.

Also,
First-class Gent's. BICYCLE, with all fittings complete
Grand WATCHDOG, "WARWICK," very reliable, and quiet by day and a terror by night, just 11 months old, and for sale solely owing to Mrs. Bray having no use for him. Will be pleased to recommend him to anyone.

Also,
Valuable COCK CANARY, a lovely songster.
ALL FOR UNRESERVED SALE TO-DAY,
and Gentry Furnishing, Dealers, and Agents
will do well to attend.
TERMS, CASH.

Lunch provided for buyers.
Catalogues at Wandilly, and the Auctioneer's Offices, at Burwood station.
Buyers from train pass office.

TO PARTIES FURNISHING, THE TRADE, &c.

THIS DAY,
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29,
at 11 a.m.,
AT 146 ELIZABETH-STREET (near Liverpool-street),
UNRESERVED
SALE BY PUBLIC AUCTION
of
SUPERIOR HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE,
removed from
St. David's-road, Dobroyde
Looke's-avenue, Balmain
Windsor-street, Paddington.

Matting, Floorcloth, Carpets, Fenders and Irons.
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES
Overmantels, Whatnots, Choice Ornaments, Clocks.
Oval, Occasional, and Chess-top Tables, Plush Rocker.

DINING-ROOM FURNITURE.
Austrian Chairs, 6 x 4 Dining Table, Tapestry Cloth.
Dinner Ware, Glassware, Crockery, Cutlery.
Sideboards, Chests of Drawers, Toilet Pairs.
Washstands and Ware, Toilet Tables, Toilet Glasses.
VERY HANDSOME HALF-TESTER BEDSTEAD,
enamelled Sage-green, mounted w. Brass,
Superior Wire Mattress, Kapok Bedding, &c.
Single and Double Bedsteads and Bedding.
HANDSOME CENTRE OTTOMAN.

ROSEWOOD PIANOFORTE, Collard and Collard.

Kitchen Table, Safe, and Lot of Useful Sundries.
Also, COUNTER, 7ft. x 2ft.

H. W. BROOK and CO. have received instructions from the owners to sell as above,
AT THEIR MART,
146 ELIZABETH-STREET (nr. Liverpool-street),
THIS DAY, AT 11 A.M.

AT THE ROOMS, 285 PITT-STREET,

THIS DAY, AT 11 O'CLOCK.

Consignment of First-class
GENERAL HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
comprising
DOUBLE and SINGLE H.T. BEDSTEADS, brass-mounted and plain; Wire Mattresses, Kapok Mattresses
BEDROOM SUITES, Cedar Chests Drawers, Washstands and Ware, Towel Rails, Toilet Glasses, Rockers, Austrian Chairs
DRAWING-ROOM SUITES, in Tap. and Plush, Overmantels, Mirrors, Pictures, Occasional Tables, Easy Chair, Whatnots
HALLSTAND, Hat Racks, Screens
CARPET SQUARES, Matting, Oilcloth, Fiji Mats
CURTAINS and POLES, Blinds, Brass Rods, &c.
SINGER'S SEWING MACHINES, Hand and Treadle
DINING TABLES, Kitchen Tables, Pine Safes, Dressers, &c.
Crockery, Cutlery, Pots, Kettles, Boilers, Sundries
GAS STOVE, ICE CHEST.

W. TROUP and COMPANY have been favoured with instructions to clear the whole of the above, at their Rooms, THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.

THIS DAY, at 11 o'clock.
JOHN P. LISTER will sell by auction, at his Rooms, 347a Pitt-street,
Clothing, boots, umbrellas
Portmanteaux, Gladstone bags
American trunks, &c.

THIS DAY, JANUARY 29, at 2.30 p.m.
To the Trade and Private Buyers.
At the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-STREET, near Bathurst-street,
IRONMONGERY, FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, CLOTHING, &c.
A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS AFTERNOON. Terms, Cash. No Reserve.

TO-MORROW, the 30th instant, at the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 Pitt-street, near Bathurst-street. The usual SATURDAY'S SALE of HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS and Useful Sundries will be held TO-MORROW. GOODS received up to 10 o'clock.
A. G. JENKINS, Auctioneer.

Under Registered Bill of Sale.
THIS DAY, JANUARY 29th, at 11 o'clock.
103 and 105 Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo.—Imperative Unreserved Sale of Household FURNITURE and Effects, the contents of 2 Houses, comprising Bedroom Suite, Hall Stand, A.B. Suite, Chiffoniers, Overmantels, Combinations, Tables, Chairs, Couches, Carpets, Oilcloths, Washstands and Ware, Glassware, Crockery, Chests Drawers, Cutlery, Pictures, Vases, Blinds, D. and S. Bedsteads, Wire Kapok Mattresses, Sheets, Counterpanes, Linen, Bedr. Req., Kit. Dressers, &c.
LEWIS PHILLIPS, Auctioneer, has received instructions to sell the above, THIS DAY, January 29th, at 11 o'clock. Terms, Cash. No Reserve. Office, 242 Pitt-st.

AUCTION SALE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.

On the premises, 15 Jeffrey-street, Milson's Point.

HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE and EFFECTS,
comprising—
Drawing and Dining Room Suites, superior Sideboard, Pier Glasses, Pictures, Chairs, Tables, Bedsteads and Bedding, Carpets, Oilcloths, Spring Mattresses, Chests of Drawers, Invalid's Chair, two Canaries, Door Mats, Washstands and Ware, Crockery, China, Glass, Cutlery, Kitchen and Laundry requisites and utensils, and large quantity sundries.

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THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

CITY.—TRADES HALL HOTEL and Blacksmith's Yard at rear, Sussex and Goulburn streets, deceased Estate.
DITTO.—Shop and Dwelling, No. 3 Miller's-road and Argyle-street, Miller's Point, deceased Estate.
DITTO.—House, No. 83 Princes-street, near Argyle-street.
DITTO.—Cottage, No. 16 Pelican-street (off Oxford-street), between Brisbane and Riley streets.
SURRY HILLS.—Block of Land, Crown-street, near Cleveland-street, deceased Estate.
REDFERN.—Butcher's Shop and Dwelling, No. 27 Regent-street, south of Cleveland-street; land 52 x 96.
PYRMONT.—Three Houses, Nos. 98 to 102 Mill-street, off John-street, leasehold, deceased Estate.
GLEBE.—House, May Villa, No. 15 Denham-street, corner of Cottenham-street, deceased Estate.
ENMORE.—Corner Block of Land, Cowper-street and a lane, close to Enmore-road, deceased Estate.
MACDONALDTOWN.—Cottage, No. 74 Albert-street, off George-street.
CROYDON.—Corner Block of 2a. 1r. 28p., Croydon-avenue, and George's River-road. Mortgagee's Sale.
LEICHHARDT.—Cottage and 2 roods 10½ perches, Prospect and Skelton streets, off Balmain-road. Mortgagee's Sale.
DITTO.—Two Cottages, May and Ethel, May-street, off Balmain-road.
FIVE DOCK.—Cottage Residence, Fernville and 2a. 2r. 28p., Great North-road, Spring-street, and Bay and Chicken Bay, deceased Estate.
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DITTO.—Block of 5a. 18p., Main Road, Rowe and Darvall streets.
ARNCLIFFE.—Cottage, Kelsey-street, off Wollongong-road, occupied by Mr. Whitaker.
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COUNTRY HOSPITALS.

CARCOAR, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Carcoar Hospital was held yesterday evening. The treasurer read the financial statement, showing that the funds in hand were £393 7s 7d, and that the surplus on the year was £37 10s 8d.

COONAMBLE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the hospital was held last evening. The report and balance-sheet, showing that the institution was in a sound financial position, were adopted. The following officials were elected:—President, Mr. P. A. Polin; vice-presidents, Messrs. J. D. Y. Button and E. Whitney; auditors, Messrs. A. T. Hunt and E. P. Freestone.

COROWA, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to Corowa Hospital was attended only by four members of the committee and three officers of the institution. The doctor's report showed 145 cases of treatment of in-patients during 1896 and of 223 out-patients. The matron's report emphasised the need of improved water supply, a lavatory for the staff, and a mortuary. The balance-sheet showed assets £4000 and liabilities nil. Mr. H. Hay, J.P., of Collendina station, was elected president; Messrs. A. Balme, J.P., of Goombargana station, and J. M. Sanger, Wonramong station, vice-presidents; committee, Messrs. J. M. Cooke, C. T. Brewer, J. Chicken, C. Johnson, R. King, H. Rosenbloom, E. R. Nicolson, and Revs. W. C. Hose and J. Boyd. The treasurer was not elected owing to the Acts directing the election by the committee.

DUBBO, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Dubbo Hospital was held to-night. The report showed 147 patients were treated during the year. There is a debit balance of £111, but against this the committee has a fixed deposit of £400, and there is a Government subsidy of £125 to be received. Mr. G. H. Taylor was re-elected president, Messrs. Morgan and Muller vice-presidents, and committee Messrs. Grant, Sillar, J. G. Brown, J. A. Ryan, R. J. J. Ryan, Nicholls, Boland, Munckton, Blake, Skinner, Utley, and Baker.

DUNGOG, Wednesday.

At the adjourned meeting of the hospital subscribers held to-day the following officers were elected:—President, Alderman F. A. Hooke; vice-presidents, Messrs. Mackay, Jones, and Piper; committee, Messrs. Elliott, Robson, Oakley, Irwin, Abbott, Thompson, Bennett, Bruyn, Brady, Hutchison, Rev. Crosby, and Hill.

GRAFTON, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the members of the Grafton Hospital was held to-day. The following were elected the committee:—Rev. D. J. Doyle, Dev. J. Mackay, Messrs. H. Maurice, G. H. Varley, A. Eggin, E. Creer, G. Crispin, T. Page, F. Dobeer, S. Kritsch, F. M'Guren, T. Bawden, T. H. Fitzgerald, and T. Penrose. A vote of thanks was accorded to Mr. F. Norrie, who has been for 22 years a member of the committee, during the greater part of which time he has fulfilled the duties of secretary to the institution.

A motion to dispense with the partially paid medical staff and substitute entirely honorary medical officers was negatived.

INVERELL, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Inverell Hospital took place this afternoon. Mr. J. Sinclair, president, was in the chair. The balance-sheet showed the institution to be in a sound financial condition, there being a credit balance of £380 5s. A sum of £20 was granted to the hon. secretary for the past two years' services. The wardsman and matron (Mr. and Mrs. Adams) were granted one month's leave of absence on full pay, with a bonus of £10. Votes of thanks were passed to the medical officers, Drs. Lane and Valle, and to the president.

LITHGOW, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Lithgow Cottage Hospital was held this afternoon. Mr. Gannon was chairman. The following committee was appointed:—Messrs. S. H. Gannon, Joseph Cook, M.L.A., the Mayor (Alderman Bracey), John James, L. B. Blackwell, J. Beveridge, T. C. Briggs, S. S. Kelly, W. Slattery, E. C. Johnson, C. S. Brownrigg, and Father M'Glone; auditors, Dr. Asher and Mr. Bracey. The committee elected Mr. Gannon as president; Messrs. Joseph Cook and J. L. Brown, vice-presidents; Mr. John James, treasurer; and Mr. Gripper, secretary.

LISMORE, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers of the local hospital was held to-night, the president (Mr. W. Lockett) occupying the chair. The report and the treasurer's balance-sheet were adopted. There were 87 male and 24 female patients treated during the past year, of these 4 males and 2 females died. The average number in the hospital throughout the year was 6·1, and the average time each patient remained in the hospital was 16·78 days. The receipts from all sources amounted to £636, and the expenditure to £620. The investments now amounted to £1000, with a credit balance to the general account of £30 19s 3d.

THE ALBURY P. AND A. SOCIETY.

ALBURY, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Pastoral and Agricultural Society was held to-day. Dr. Andrews occupied the chair. The report and balance-sheet of the outgoing committee showed that the results of the year's operations had been highly satisfactory. There had been a considerable increase in the subscriptions, the donations, the gate money, and other sources of revenue. A large sum had been expended on maintenance, but nevertheless the bank overdraft had been reduced by £125. The improvements on the showground now represented a total value of £7900. The report and the balance-sheet were unanimously adopted. A motion was carried recommending the incoming committee to consider some method of altering the showground, more especially by arranging the cricket pitch, football ground, and bicycle track within the enclosure, so that when important sports were held the society's revenue could be supplemented by the gate money. The meeting decided to hold the usual social on the show night for the entertainment of judges and distinguished visitors. The election of office-bearers resulted as follows:—President, Dr. Andrews; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. C. Woods, W. Turner, and J. H. Balfour; treasurer, Mr. George Arthur Thompson; committee, Messrs. J. D. Lankester, J. B. Whitehead, Maurice Barlow, William Kiddle, W. F. Zweck, E. C. Bowyer Smith, J. R. Chapman, William Schilg, C. Kerath, Arthur Balme, John Weeks, Samuel Watson, C. E. Walder, C. J. Morton, J. C. Chenery, R. C. Riley, W. C. Bowen, W. M'Intosh, H. F. Ogilvie, and E. J. Kernan.

KIAMA AGRICULTURAL ASSOCIATION.

A RECORD ATTENDANCE.

KIAMA, Thursday.

The second day of the Kiama Show yesterday fully realised the promise of the first. By noon the grounds were crowded with visitors, and during the afternoon the people were ranged 10 deep round the horse ring, in which the principal events of the day were decided. The money received at the gates totalled £110 for the day, by far the largest sum as yet taken in a single day by the association. Fully 5000 people were on the ground, and those who have attended shows on the South Coast for years past agreed that this was one of the best ever held.

The following is the prize-list:—

Dairy Cattle.—Bull (that had not won prize at Kiama): Thos. Somerville, 1; W. H. Honey, 2. Pen 6 dairy cows: R. Dudgeon, 1; J. W. Cole, 2. Pen 6 dairy cows: H. Dudgeon, 1; Craig and Son, 2. Dairy cow (that had never won a prize at Kiama): T. R. Moffatt, 1; Sharp Brothers, 2. Bull, 2 years: Walter Dunster, 1; Connors Brothers, 2; Thomas Irvine, 3. Bull, 1 year: J. W. Cole, 1; E. R. Rigg, 2. Bull, calf: R. Hindmarsh, 1; T. James, 2. Heifer, under 3 years: James Brothers, 1; Craig and Son, 2; T. Brown, 3. Heifer, 2 years: J. W. Cole, 1; Lindsay Brothers, 2; E. R. Rigg, 3. Heifer, 1 year: J. W. Cole 1 and 2; Miller Brothers, 3. Pen of four 2-year-old heifers: Lindsay Brothers, 1; J. W. Cole, 2. Pen of four heifers, 1 year, D. Hyam, 1. Pen of three heifers: Thomas Somerville, 1; E. R. Rigg, 2.

Horses.—Springcart horse: T. M. Ferrott, 1; Buckley Bros., 2. Pair buggy horses: R. Jones, 1; G. Couch, 2. Hack: R. Gordon, 1; T. Phillips, 2; Arthur Grey, 3. Single buggy horse: T. Apperly, 1; John Love, 2; A. Grey, 3. Pony, 14 hands: R. M'Clelland, 1; S. O'Mara, 2. Lady rider: Miss Jones, 1. Hunter: J. C. Johnson's Gold Dust, 1; R. Jones's Raven, 2; C. E. Meston's Emulation, 3. Lady rider over hurdles: Mrs. R. Elliott, 1; Mrs. J. Phillips, 2. Pony, 13 hands: Jas. Hunt, 1. Hackney (that had never won a prize): G. H. Young, 1; John Love, 2. All-round horse: O. E. Couch, 1; B. Gordon, 2.

FEDERATION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I should be glad if you would allow me to call attention to a sub-section in the Commonwealth Bill which does not appear to have been sufficiently considered. I refer to that which would give the control of our rivers to the Federal Government. Victoria has constructed weirs across all her streams, and as far as it is in her power to divert the flow of her rivers from the Murray she has done so by a very lavish expenditure. The Darling and the Murrumbidgee flow wholly within our territory, but under the Commonwealth Bill New South Wales would have no power to follow the example of Victoria, and thus the magnificent heritage of about 2000 miles of river channel, and probably more than double that length of billabongs, or natural reservoirs for the storage of water, would have to remain in their present unutilised condition, for it is morally certain that the traders of Melbourne and Adelaide would have influence enough to prohibit the construction of any works which might hinder the running of their steamers to Bourke and Hay. As a matter of fact, although we have spent large sums to make railways to those towns, the Minister for Works, not satisfied with an expenditure of nearly £20,000 in snagging operations, is now in treaty with one of the river steamowners to make further improvements which will have the effect of carrying the trade away from our railways; but I have not heard that it is proposed to levy any toll upon the river steamers to cover the interest on the outlay. If ships come into the harbour of Port Jackson they have to pay harbour dues, &c.; but under what seems to me to be an improvident system we are spending money to take traffic from our own railways, the interest on the cost of which has to be partly paid for by the general taxpayer.

We have been able to make only a very poor use of our river frontages so far; but probably within a quarter of a century we may have so increased in population, wealth, and knowledge as to be able to utilise the opportunities there offered by nature; and it is desirable that we should retain the power to do so.

There seems to be a disposition on the part of many advocates of federation to shut their eyes, open their mouths, and see what the other colonies will send them. Is this wise? Victoria, with the connivance of South Australia, entered into a contract with the P. and O. Company for the carriage of the Australian mails, making it a stipulation that the steamers should not come to Sydney, but have their headquarters at Melbourne. Look at their tariff list and see how friendly they are disposed towards us. A few months ago the Victorian Government tried to make an agreement with the P. and O. and Orient companies which would have given the exclusive use of their cold storage accommodation to Victorian shippers, leaving New South Wales producers to get their butter, &c., to London in the same way as they formerly had to do with their mails, by initiating a service of their own. Only the other day they sent to Sydney a ship infected with smallpox, which they were morally bound to have kept in Hobson's Bay. The conduct of South Australia by her railway management of the Broken Hill trade is even more selfishly grasping than that of Victoria; and the past, therefore, affords no reason why New South Wales should impoverish herself for the enrichment of neighbours, every one of whom has so far answered her generous policy to them by the sharpest of sharp practice.

I am, &c., CAUTION.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—One of the important utterances of Mr. Heydon deserves special notice, viz.:—"The movement was due to the great pressure which had been brought to bear by England, who thought that the colonies would be more easy to be dealt with if they were federated, and if there was only one Governor and one Government to deal with instead of half a dozen." This statement, if it can be substantiated by anything stronger than Mr. Heydon's opinion, would account for many peculiar incidents relative to the federation procedure. It might be pointed out that Mr. Heydon's statement is the first public intimation of anything of the kind; indeed, the latest public despatch was distinctly the opposite. It is also understood that Governor Jersey refused to take part in issuing a proclamation with regard to the Convention of 1891, so that it may be inferred that the "pressure" by England must have been in operation since that date. The action taken by the Governors generally after the passing of the Enabling Acts will be colonial action, not English. But perhaps Mr. Heydon will not object to explain a little.

I am, &c.,
January 28. N. HAWKEN.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Your correspondent, Mr. C. M'Kay Smith, is correct in stating that the city of Sydney would cease to be part of New South Wales if made the capital of federated Australia. A suggestion made by me in the following extract from a paper contributed by me a year ago to a work entitled "New South Wales, the Mother Colony of the Australias," would, however, remove this objection, and the Federal State still front the waters of Port Jackson. My suggestion was as follows:—"Intercolonial freetrade and a common tariff would be the result of a complete federal system, and the hostile Custom-houses now existing in Australian border towns could be entirely abolished, as in the States of the American Union and in the provinces of the Canadian Dominion, in both of which countries the traveller can pass across the continent from province to province on railway lines over 3000 miles in length without interference of any kind by the various State governments. At the present time all the Australasian Parliaments levy taxes on protective principles, except that of New South Wales, which has under the recent financial proposals successfully carried by Mr. G. H. Reid, as Minister for Finance, adopted a freetrade tariff, and by direct taxation imposed income and land taxes so as to make up the deficiency of revenue from the Customs. The present Parliament of New South Wales displayed a generous spirit during the last session by removing at once many restrictions to commerce between her and the neighbouring colonies, without requiring any reciprocity or waiting until the Federal Legislature had dealt with the fiscal question. This great concession should lead to the daughter colonies emulating the good example of the mother State, by voting that the federal seat of government should be carved out of her territory, somewhat as she has been dismembered for them in times past. The selection of the national capital at Washington was due to a compromise entered into between Hamilton and Jefferson, and a similar equitable arrangement might lead to the federal city of Australia being built on the wide peninsula bounded on each side by the Parramatta River, the north shore of Port Jackson, and the Hawkesbury River, called 'Walumatte' by the natives, which for suitableness and beauty of situation would bear favourable comparison with and resemblance to similar positions either on the Potomac River or the Ottawa River, alongside whose waters the capital of the United States or the capital of Canada has been placed."

I am, &c.,
January 27. EDWARD DOWLING.

"NO AUSTRALIA."

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—*Mutatis mutandis*, there are certain passages in the late Professor Seeley's "Expansion of England," upon which I have just happened, which seem to me so appropriate to much under present discussion, that I venture to think you will willingly reproduce them. On page 202 the Professor writes:—"The truth is there was no India in the political and scarcely in any other sense. The word was a geographical expression, and therefore India was easily conquered, just as Italy and Germany fell an easy prey to Napoleon, because there was no Italy and no Germany, and not even any strong Italian or German national feeling. Because there was no Germany, Napoleon was able to set one German State against another, so that in fighting with Austria or Prussia he had Bavaria and Wurtemburg for allies."

On page 203: "In Germany there was scarcely any German feeling, but there was a certain amount, though not a very great amount, of Prussian feeling, Austrian feeling, Bavarian feeling, Suabian feeling. Napoleon is able to set Bavaria against Austria, or both against Prussia; but he does not attempt to set Bavaria or Austria or Prussia against itself." *Verbum sap. sat.* I am, &c.,
January 26. S. S. TOVEY.

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In Bankruptcy.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATIONS.

George Frederick Wood, of Manly Beach, draughtsman. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Laura Sophia Muller, of Croydon, ladies' nurse. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

Henry Bennett Thomas, of Cobar, miner. Mr. N. F. Giblin, official assignee.

George Ebenezer Vaile, of 82 Denison-street, Newtown, late commercial traveller. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

Stanislaus Gets, of 116 Goulburn-street, cabinetmaker. Mr. W. H. Palmer, official assignee.

William Wilson Lupton, of 149 George-street, Redfern. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

LAW NOTICES.

SUPREME COURT.—FRIDAY, JANUARY 29.

In Equity.—Before the Deputy Registrar: At 11 a.m., the Sydney Land Bank and F. C. Company, to tax costs; at 12.30 p.m., M'Namara v. Baker, to settle minutes of decree; at 2 p.m., Federal Bank of Australia, Limited, to pass accounts; at 2.30 p.m., Australian Trust Management Company, to pass accounts; Lode Hill Tin-mining Company and Companies Act, Mount Costigan Lead and Silver Mining Company and Companies Act; Toms Lewis Ponds Silver-mining Company and Companies Act.

POLICE COURTS.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.

At the Central Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., John Golding and George Collins were charged with assaulting Denis Hall and robbing him of a silver watch and chain of the value of £3 and 1s 6d in Hyde Park on 24th instant. Hall, a labourer, deposed that about 1 o'clock on Sunday morning he was passing through Hyde Park, and when near Market-street he was struck on the face by a man, stunned, and knocked on the ground. His watch, chain, and money were stolen from him by two men. He said to them "It is no use your running away. You have got my watch, and I know the number." He chased the men into King-street, where he lost sight of them. Evidence was given that Collins took the watch to a pawnshop and tried to get £1 5s lent on it. The person he spoke to had been informed the watch was stolen, and sent a clerk to get a constable. The man who tendered the watch, however, went away without getting any money, and leaving the timepiece. When arrested by Constable Malone on a charge of vagrancy, which was withdrawn, Collins spoke about the theft of the watch, and said it was no use his denying it. Both accused were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions Court. Golding was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for being a suspected person frequenting Hyde Park with intent to steal.

Arthur Noland and Joseph Olsen, alias Dutch Joe, were charged at the Central Police Court on Thursday with having in company assaulted William Gray with intent to rob him. Olsen, in reply to Senior-sergeant Chambers, said his name was Ericksen. Both accused were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions.

A YOUNG THIEF.

Thomas Barnwell, aged 11 years, was ordered at the Central Police Court yesterday to be sent to the Carpenterian Reformatory for five years for stealing 24 exercise books, 166 pocketknives, nine purses, &c., of the value of £8 13s, belonging to S. T. Marchant, bookseller, George-street, on 26th instant.

SENT TO THE SOBRAON.

Frank Summers, for wandering about the streets and having no occupation, was at the Central Police Court yesterday ordered to be sent to the Sobraon. The boy's mother said she had no control of him. She had nine children. Mr. Isaacs, after deciding to send the lad to the training ship, said Mrs. Summers might some day be proud of the boy.

THEFT.

Samuel Smith, at the Central Police Court yesterday, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment for stealing from a wharf a bag containing articles worth £3 10s, belonging to Peter M'Crohon. The latter, who is a labourer, asked Smith the way to the Hunter River Company's Wharf. He left his bag on the wharf, and went away with Smith to a hotel, and gave the latter a shilling and a drink for his kindness. Smith, before M'Crohon returned to the wharf, was seen by Muir, a night watchman, to take the bag away, and he was next day arrested by Muir. Mr. Isaacs referred to the ungrateful way Smith had acted, and said the case was a very bad one. Accused expressed regret for what he had done.

AN UNLAWFUL GAME.

James Edwards, 39, appeared before Mr. Edwards, S.M., in the Water Police Court, yesterday on a charge of having played an unlawful game, to wit monte, on the Randwick Racecourse. He was ordered to be imprisoned till 6 o'clock that day.

ASSAULT.

Charles Stratford, 40, a bricklayer, was found guilty in the Water Police Court yesterday of having assaulted Constable Robertson whilst in the execution of his duty. He was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour.

DISOBEDIENCE ON BOARD SHIP.

William Finch (29), Frank Wilson (41), John Walter Neer (32), John Marsh (28), James Curr (29), seamen, appeared before Mr. Edwards, S.M., in the Water Police Court, yesterday afternoon, charged with wilful disobedience on board the British registered ship Andalana. They were each sentenced to four weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour, and were ordered to forfeit a day's pay.

CHARGE OF GARROTING AT CAMPERDOWN.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday before Mr. Macfarlane, D.S.M., Henry James, aged 32, and John Summers, aged 28, were charged with attempting to choke Robert William Richardson at Camperdown on the 22nd instant. They were further charged with having on the same occasion assaulted Constable Thomas Conran. Mr. Abigail appeared for the defence. The evidence was to the effect that the accused attempted to choke and rob Richardson, and that when being conveyed to the police station they made an attack upon the arresting constable, and Summers escaped. The accused reserved their defence, and were committed to take their trial at the next court of quarter sessions on the 1st February. Bail was allowed.

CRUELTY TO A HORSE.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday before Mr. Macfarlane, D.S.M., Sub-inspector Elliott proceeded against William Dalton for having ill-treated a horse by working it while suffering from a sore shoulder on the 15th instant. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £1 and costs, in default seven days' gaol.

CHARGE OF CRUELTY TO CALVES.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Macfarlane, D.S.M., Edward George Williams proceeded against W. F. Hitchiens for having conveyed in a vehicle two calves in such a manner and position as to subject them to unnecessary pain and suffering. Mr. Cahill appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Vardy to defend. Inspector Williams stated that he saw defendant at the junction of Palace-street, Petersham, and Parramatta-road driving a horse attached to a cart. In the cart were calves bellowing. Witness went over to the cart, and found two calves with their legs tied together. The calves were lying down, and could not stand up. They were tied all four legs together, and they were in pain. For the defence William Francis Hitchiens stated that he was a butcher at Five Dock, and had been 20 years in the business. He frequently carried calves; but never tied them down. On the 14th instant when complainant met him he had the calves under a net untied. Their legs were never tied. When leaving Sydney the calf at the back was standing up, and the other was lying down. At the Norton-street curve, on the Leichhardt tram line, the jolt of his wheel threw the calf at the back of the cart down, and it made a noise, then tried to rise, and got tangled in the net, which was wider than the cart. When witness reached home he took the tail of the cart down. The calves jumped out, and ran into a paddock. They were never tied, and suffered no pain or injury. The defendant was ordered to pay a fine of £1 and costs, in default 14 days' gaol.

A DISTURBANCE IN THE STREET.

At the Redfern Police Court yesterday before Mr. Delohery, S.M., Edward Wills proceeded against Harold Farrell for having assaulted him at Darlington on the 21st instant; and David Wills proceeded against William Cooper for having on the same occasion assaulted him. Farrell was ordered to pay a fine of £3, together with £1 7s 6d costs; in default two months' imprisonment; and Cooper to pay a fine of £1, together with £1 5s 10d costs of court, in default two months' imprisonment.

ABORIGINES' PROTECTION BOARD.

The weekly meeting of the Aborigines' Protection Board was held yesterday afternoon in the office of the Inspector-General of Police. Mr. E. Fosbery occupied the chair, and there were also present the Hons. W. H. Suttor and R. H. D. White, Ms.L.C., and Mr. James R. Hill. Authority was given for the issue of rations to a number of destitute and sick aborigines at the Crooked River, Nymboida, at Cowra, and at Cuttulri. It was also decided that the issue of rations should be discontinued to a number of aborigines at Lake Illawarra and Crudine, for whom employment had been found. The police at Deniliquin reported that an aboriginal family at Conargo recently assisted by the board had fenced in the whole of their land, and had erected dwellings for themselves. It was decided to apply to the Minister for Lands for 50 acres on the Wilson River, Port Macquarie district, as a reserve for the use of aborigines. The local board at Grafton reported that the farm crops at the home on the Clarence River were looking remarkably well, and that the settlers were in good health.

PASTORAL INTELLIGENCE.

MOREE, Thursday.

The latest stock passings are:—105 fat cattle, Merriwa to Homebush, trucked at Moree, W. Evans owner; 2260 sheep, Burburgate to Moree, J. A. Turner owner; 1486 wethers, Moree to Buggen, W. Maiden owner; 6700 sheep, Coonamble to Arrawatta, Merewether Brothers owners; 5000 wethers, Wilcannia to Bogamildi, A.M.A. Company owners; 536 mixed cattle, Whetstone (Queensland) to Goulburn, H. Badgery owner; 5114 ewes, Booroomа to Glen Innes, Stirton Brothers owners; 5100 store wethers, Mintharungie (Queensland) to Bogamildi, A.M.A. Company owners; 500 fat wethers and lambs, Bumble to Sydney, W. Fingleton owner; 1200 fat wethers, Ogilvie to Sydney, J. Fingleton owner; 280 wethers, Lorwood to Annandale, J. Pitman owner; 2784 store ewes, Inverell to Binneguy, J. Cunningham owner.

Havana Tobacco: Summer Evenings.—The real perfume of Havana in Dixson's Bonanza Cigars, 4 Bonanza Cigars in packet, 6d.—[ADVT.]

THE FATAL FIRE AT WATERLOO.

AN OPEN VERDICT.

The inquest touching the death of the girl Jessie Delohery, who was burnt in the fire that took place at 129 Botany-road Waterloo, on Monday morning, was resumed yesterday before the City Coroner, Mr. J. C. Woore, J.P.

Robert Johnson, first lieutenant of the Alexandria Fire Brigade, continued his evidence. He stated that when Foreman Ford arrived that officer took charge. Witness at once informed him that it had been reported a girl was in the building. The Alexandria Brigade was a volunteer brigade, and were not paid. There were no orders that the brigade were to take their ladders and life-saving apparatus to short-distance fires. It was a custom not to do so. Four men turned out at first to the call; eight others followed. Two men would be sufficient to work the reel and hose. Some people said the deceased was in the front of the building, others said she was in the back, and others said she had gone away in a cab. There was a good deal of confusion at the time. The brigade received a subsidy of £150 per year for the keep of horses, providing of clothing, &c.

Henry Jones, a labourer, residing at Waterloo, stated that he was a member of the Alexandria Fire Brigade, and was on duty at the station on the morning of Monday last. It was exactly seven minutes past 1 when witness took the alarm from the Royal Marine. Witness at once sent the alarm on to No. 2 Metropolitan Brigade Station. The only delay was due to the fact that he had to ring three times on the telephone before he got a reply from No. 2 station. It was a rule, by orders of Superintendent Bear, that the telephone was to be used and the Metropolitan Brigade alarmed before the bell was rung. When Mr. Ford answered witness on the telephone, the latter had to give him the message three times before he could understand what was said. A man had his hand on the bell ready to ring it the moment witness finished with the telephone.

The Coroner said he did not desire to interfere with the business of firemen, but he thought it a most extraordinary thing that a brigade should be equipped with life-saving apparatus and never to take it to a fire because the distance was a short one. He spoke in the interest of the safety of the public.

John Francis Ford, foreman of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, and in charge of No. 2 Division, stated that the time of receiving the call to the fire, as entered in the occurrence book, was 1.7 a.m. Witness at once turned out with nine men, a steam-engine, ladders, and all life-saving apparatus. Upon arrival witness found the Alexandria Volunteer Brigade standing on the footpath playing the water on to the fanlight in the front of the shop. Witness at once gave orders to break into the house, and take a hose round to the back of the premises, where the seat of the fire seemed to be. They had done so, and had just got water into the hose from a steamer, when one of the Alexandria volunteer firemen incidentally mentioned to witness that he had heard that there was a girl in the building. Witness got into the dining-room, and calling one of his own brigade ordered him to fetch a lamp, and together they worked their way up the burning staircase, and in a passage on the landing they stumbled against the body of the deceased lying in front of her bedroom door. The clothing around the body was burnt. Witness had the body removed and handed over to the police. It was against the rules of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade for firemen to proceed to any fire whatever without taking with them all necessary available appliances for saving life. If the firemen knew it was a small fire, such as a chimney, then they could turn out with a reel and hose. Witness had charge of the suburban volunteer stations, and was not aware that the Alexandria Brigade were in the habit of turning out with a reel and hose only. That brigade was supplied last June with a hose, waggon, and four scaling ladders covering a height sufficient to reach the top of the highest building in their district.

The Coroner: When you go to a fire at that hour of the night should you not inquire, the first thing you do, if any persons are on the premises, and if they are safe?

Witness: Yes, we are instructed to do so.

A juryman: Why did you not do so in this case?

Witness: The Alexandria Brigade arriving there first, I took it for granted they had done so, as it was their place to do it, they being first on the scene.

Other evidence having been given,

The jury returned a verdict that the girl met her death by burning in a building that was destroyed by fire on Monday morning, at 129 Botany-road, Waterloo, but whether the fire was accidental or otherwise there was not sufficient evidence to show.

BANKSTOWN REQUIREMENTS.

Mr. Varney Parkes, M.L.A., yesterday introduced a deputation to the Hon. J. H. Young, Minister for Works, its object being to urge upon the Government the necessity of establishing punt communication across George's River, at the main Canterbury-road. The deputation included Alderman Miller (Mayor of Bankstown), Alderman Hancke, Alderman Eldridge, Alderman Kelly, Alderman Mitchell, and several members of the Progress Association of East Hills. It was pointed out that if a punt ferry were established it would prove a great boon to the people of the district, inasmuch that it would greatly lessen the distance to Liverpool and would open out a large area of country. After hearing the arguments that were put forward,

The Minister replied that he would cause inquiries to be made in regard to the matter, but at the first blush it did not appear to him to be one of urgency. Everything would depend upon what the work would cost, and whether a reasonably large amount of traffic would be likely to pass over on the punt if it were established. In addition to the expense of building the punt, there would be the cost of making the approaches and of working the ferry. But if the traffic would give interest on the expenditure there would be some reason for establishing the punt. At present it seemed to be a matter for further inquiries, and those inquiries he would have made.

SYDNEY PASTURES AND STOCK PROTECTION BOARD.

A meeting of the Sydney Pastures and Stock Protection Board was held at the office of the Chief Inspector of Stock yesterday to consider a circular from Mr. E. S. Antill, chairman of the Canonbar Sheep Board, protesting against the action of the Public Service Board in including the whole stock branch and inspectors of stock as Civil servants. The following members were present—Messrs. J. de V. Lamb (chairman), W. F. Buchanan, Duncan M'Master, G. N. Griffiths, J. Alison, and W. H. Armstrong, and by invitation, Mr. R. M'Millan (secretary to the Central Board of Advice). Considerable discussion took place as to what action the board should take, and eventually the following resolutions were agreed to:—1. "That this board acknowledges the receipt of the circular issued by the chairman of the Canonbar Sheep Board, and expresses its sympathy with it." 2. "That the action of the Public Service Board in exercising the powers and privileges hitherto held by the various stock boards throughout the colony in the nomination of stock inspectors under the Diseases in Sheep Acts is received with alarm by this board, and this meeting desires to place on record its disapproval of, and protest against, such action."

Messrs. Alison and Lamb were appointed a subcommittee to state a case, and through the Minister obtain the opinion of the Crown Law officers as to whether the stock branch, which is paid for almost exclusively out of funds collected under the Diseases in Sheep Acts from the sheepowners of the colony, is such a Government department as comes under the Public Service Act, and under the control of the Commissioners.

It was also decided to send a circular to all the other stock boards in the colony intimating that the Sydney Board is in sympathy with the circular issued by the Canonbar board.

WOOLLAHRA COUNCIL BATHS.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. J. W. Johnson, F. J. Jackson, J. F. Morgan, H. Trenchard, H. C. M'Culloch, S. M. Plunkett, T. Alcock, T. Gibson, W. Few, B. W. Mansell, Pritchard, and Lewis, representing the residents and property-holders at Double Bay, waited on the Minister for Lands yesterday morning to protest against the application of the Municipal Council of Woollahra for a special lease for a site for baths on piles being granted. The members of the deputation represented that the erection of a structure on piles would be highly objectionable as it would obstruct the view from the Steyne Reserve, and would be an eyesore, and as the water was shallow and usually dirty they thought the place would be quite unsuitable. Moreover, it would be almost impossible for the people on the higher lands adjoining to go out in parts of their grounds without seeing and hearing the bathers. The baths, they feared, would attract larrikins and altogether depreciate the value of surrounding properties. This was not necessary, as floating baths, to which they did not object, would answer the purpose equally as well, and could be placed in clearer water, and should they not be a success could easily be removed.

The Minister, in reply, said he had no sympathy with those who would destroy the beauty of the heads of the bays in the harbour, and he certainly would not grant the application if it was detrimental to the interests of Double Bay. They probably had water frontages and bathing houses of their own, and did not need public baths, but there were many unfortunates at Woollahra and elsewhere who had not, and to whom these baths would be a benefit. The question for consideration was how far could this application be acceded to without interfering with public and private interests. He certainly thought the structure on piles would be objectionable. There was no occasion for this, as many of these baths could be made quite ornamental. He would ask the municipal council to vary the application to one for floating baths.

QUEENSLAND NEWSPAPER RATES.
The Sydney Mail will be despatched from the Sydney Mail Office each week regularly for the sum of £1 7s 2d per annum prepaid, £1 8s 2d booked. The Sydney Mail is acknowledged the best weekly illustrated newspaper in Australasia. Please address—Publishing Office, Pitt, Hunter, and O'Connell streets, Sydney, N S W.—[ADVT.]

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CITY COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of the City Council was held yesterday morning in the Town Hall. There were present Aldermen I. E. Ives (Mayor), Dean, Hart, Sir W. P. Manning, Johnston, Booth, M. Chapman, Landers, Waine, Kippax, Jeanneret, Fowler, Rainford, H. Chapman, Jessep, Taylor, J. Harris, Smaile, Beare, Penny, and Burdekin.

A letter was read from the Mayor forwarding a photograph of himself as Mayor for the year 1896, and requesting the council to accept it and place it in the gallery of his predecessors. The gift was suitably acknowledged.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

A cablegram as follows was received from Sir Francis M'Lean, Chief Justice of Bengal, and President of the Indian Relief Fund.—"Calcutta, January 26, 4.20 p.m. The Central Committee of the Indian Famine Fund, whose headquarters are at Calcutta, earnestly solicit your cordial co-operation in taking steps for the alleviation of the existing distress. There is the highest possible scope for private benevolence outside the system of State relief which has already been established. The area of the famine-stricken provinces and the number of persons affected are enormous. The distress is rapidly increasing, and we feel sure that the unavoidable privations from which millions of industrious poor are suffering will arouse profound sympathy amongst all classes and all nations. The committee, therefore, make an urgent appeal to you to organise an Indian Famine Relief Fund, and will be deeply grateful for contributions, which will be publicly acknowledged."

The Mayor expressed the hope that the press would take notice of the matter, so as to enable the members of the council to do something in the matter later on.

ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS.

The Mayor, in answer to Alderman Jessep, stated that a block of land, 5 acres 2 roods in extent, situated at the corner of Ebley and Newland streets, Waverley, was purchased by a resolution of the council on the 16th July, 1878, from T. W. Smart, the purchase money, £250 per acre, being paid out of the water fund. The land was in 1888 handed over to the Board of Water Supply and Sewerage, under the authority of the Metropolitan Water and Sewerage Act.

The Mayor, in reply to Alderman Rainford (who asked in what stage were the negotiations for the widening of Goulburn-street between Wexford and Macquarie streets south), said that the value placed by the property-owners on their land required for the purpose was £5634, whilst the valuation of the council's officers was £1980.

ELECTRIC LIGHT.

Alderman Jeanneret directed attention to the absence of information on the subject of lighting the city with electricity. He was, he said, a member of a committee appointed to consider the matter, and understood that the last step decided upon was that the Mayor should consult with the Railway Commissioners in order to see whether or not some arrangement could be arrived at by which one lighting station could be decided upon for the illumination of the railway station and the city, instead of keeping up several installations. The citizens of Sydney were very much dissatisfied with the present state of affairs, and it did appear to him that for some reason or other the subject of lighting the city with electricity was persistently blocked.

The Mayor remarked that he did not desire that the subject should drop into the background. On the contrary, he was exceedingly anxious that it should be pushed forward as rapidly as possible. To that end he and the committee had arranged to have an interview with the Railway Commissioners next Tuesday morning on the subject, and the result of their deliberations would be at once submitted to the consideration of the council.

LINCOLN-CRESCENT.

On the motion of Sir W. P. Manning the city surveyor was instructed to report upon the cost and advisability of laying wooden blocks in Lincoln-crescent, Woolloomooloo.

LABOURERS' WAGES.

Alderman Rainford moved that the resolution reducing the pay of the City Council labourers from 7s to 6s 8d per diem be rescinded.

Alderman Fowler remarked that the proposal would increase the expenses of the council £1550 a year, and thought that, as the reduction was agreed upon after careful consideration by the council, they would be stultifying themselves if they agreed to the resolution. A man who received £2 a week constantly in these times had nothing to complain about. The resolution was simply a bid for cheap popularity.

Alderman Rainford strongly objected to such a charge.

Alderman Fowler said that under those circumstances he withdrew the remark.

Alderman Jeanneret considered that 6s a day was sufficient pay for the labourers, and complained that some of their best men were receiving only 5s a day. He would like to ask those aldermen who advocated raising the wages of some of the labourers from 6s 8d to 7s a day what they proposed to do with those who got only 5s a day.

Alderman Johnston failed to see why the whole of the retrenchment in wages should be made at the expense of the labourers.

Alderman Jessep contended that when the wages of the labourers were retrenched there was an understanding that the salaries of the official staff should also be reduced; but when he submitted a motion to that effect it was rejected. He maintained that it was unfair to cut down the wages of the labourers and to allow the salaries of the tall poppies to escape.

Alderman Hart observed that the city had an overdraft of £82,000; hence they should think twice before they increased the wages of the labourers, especially when they considered that £2 a week now was equal to £2 5s some years ago.

Alderman Penny was sorry to find that when retrenchment was undertaken it always fell on the workmen. The sum of 7s a day was little enough pay for a good workman. Therefore he would support the motion.

During the remarks of the last speaker someone interjected "Rats."

Alderman J. Harris at once rose, and stated that some aldermen were not rats, but others were.

Alderman Johnston asked if such a statement was in order.

The Mayor said the trouble arose owing to aldermen making interjections *sotto voce*, and as he was not able to identify the speaker he (the Mayor) could not call the offenders to account.

Alderman J. Harris again rose and referred to Alderman Johnston as "Alderman Washington Johnston."

Alderman Johnston demanded to be called by his proper name, and expressed astonishment that a gentleman of Alderman J. Harris's experience did not show more civility and courtesy.

At this stage the Mayor interfered as matters were getting warm, and, putting the resolution, it was carried by 11 to 8 votes. A contingent motion by Alderman Rainford that the wages of the labourers be increased from 6s 8d to 7s per day was then carried without discussion.

Before the subject was disposed of Alderman J. Harris apologised for anything he might have said in the heat of the moment to Alderman Johnston.

THE CITY MARKETS.

Alderman Rainford moved,—"That a committee be appointed consisting of the Mayor, the city architect (Mr. George M'Rae), and the Colonial Architect (Mr. W. L. Vernon) to examine the models submitted in connection with the tenders for an allegorical group of statuary for the new markets, and select therefrom three groups considered by them as most suitable for the purpose in view."

After a long discussion the motion was agreed to.

MACQUARIE-STREET.

It was decided, on the motion of Alderman Johnston, to topdress a section of Macquarie-street from King to Hunter streets, according to the plan adopted by the Melbourne City Council.

THE QUEEN'S REIGN.

It was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Alderman J. Harris,—"That, in commemoration of the sixtieth year of her Majesty's reign, an address be prepared and presented to her Majesty expressive of the hearty congratulations and loyal sentiments of the citizens of Sydney, and conveying their hope that her reign might be long continued in peace and prosperity to the Empire, and in national goodwill to the peoples of the world."

The council then adjourned.

MAYORAL LUNCHEON.

At the conclusion of the monthly meeting of the City Council yesterday the aldermen, each accompanied by a friend, an innovation introduced for the first time, accepted the invitation of the Mayor (Alderman Ives) to lunch with him at the Town Hall. An excellent repast having been disposed of,

Alderman J. Harris proposed the health of "The Visitors," and commended the Mayor for his thoughtful consideration in arranging that each alderman should have the privilege of introducing a friend to participate in the Mayoral hospitality. (Hear, hear.)

Mr. C. O'Reilly (of Brisbane), Mr. W. Trotter, and Alderman W. Carey (Mayor of the Glebe) responded on behalf of the visitors.

Alderman P. J. Hourigan proposed the health of the Mayor, which was drunk with cheers.

The Mayor, in responding, said that in his first year of office he had sought, with the assistance of the aldermen, to carry out several improvements for the comfort and convenience of the citizens, and though they were successful in some directions yet much still remained to be done. He was determined during his present year of office to complete the unfinished tasks. Sometimes he was met with lukewarm support and assistance from some of the aldermen. For instance, he invited them to meet him on the previous day for the purpose of driving to Moore Park to select a site on which to erect machinery to destroy the city garbage and other refuse. Only 10 of the aldermen turned up. The remainder, doubtless, were at the intercolonial cricket match. (Laughter.) The electric lighting of the city was a very important matter, and he had arranged for a committee of the council to see the Railway Commissioners on Tuesday, with a view, if possible, of coming to some arrangement by which the city could be illuminated by one installation, instead of having separate systems for the railways and the city. (Hear, hear.) The cleansing and watering of the streets was a subject that demanded careful attention. An improvement had taken place in the work, but something still remained to be done before all parties were satisfied. The use of wood pavement in level streets could be justified by results, but he was satisfied it was a mistake on sharp curves with gradients, because it was impossible for horses to keep a foothold in wet weather. (Hear, hear.) He decided to adopt a new system, as an experiment, in Pitt and George streets, between Market and Hunter streets, by replacing the long-handled broom with a short shovel and hand broom, and dispensing with the use of water. (Applause.)

A SPOTLESS COMPLEXION.—Sulpholine Lotion clears off all imperfections, Eruptions, Pimples, Blotches, Eczema, Psoriasis, and irritating Skin Disfigurements. Shilling bottles of Sulpholine—the English Lotion.—[ADVT.]

AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK.

The half-yearly meeting of this bank was held yesterday. The Hon. J. Watson, acting-chairman, presided. The eighth report stated that the current business of the bank continued to be satisfactory; but owing to keen competition lending rates had to be reduced in order to retain good accounts. The directors regretted that in consequence of the high rate of interest paid upon fixed deposits still held under the arrangement of 1893, the accounts for the half-year after deducting rebate on current bills, paying interest due, and providing interest accrued on deposits and inscribed stock, paying note tax, providing for land and income tax and for bad and doubtful debts, but including recoveries from debts previously written off as bad, showed a loss of £48,200, in reduction of which there was the balance brought forward from last half-year's accounts, £21,264, leaving £26,935, which the directors recommended to be written off the old reserve fund. The directors, considering it possible that the old reserve fund might be required to cover losses and reduced values, had transferred the amount from the accounts now presented to a contingency account. It having become evident to the directors that a special effort should be made for a reduction of the rate of interest payable on the fixed deposits issued under the arrangement made in 1893, the chairman (the Hon. W. A. Long, M.L.C.) was empowered to negotiate with the British depositors, and he left for London in October. The board continued to receive advices, both by letter and cable, which were considered favourable towards the reduction of the rate of interest, with extended time for payment of the principal, and the announcement of the completion of the negotiations might be expected very shortly, and would be at once published. During the half-year five branches have been closed.

The Chairman, in moving the adoption of the report, said: I appear before you to-day as a substitute for our chairman, Mr. Long, who, as you are aware, is now in England, working in the interests of the bank, and in presenting the report and balance-sheet I regret it should have fallen to my lot to have to place before you the accounts showing such an unsatisfactory result of the operations for the past half-year, but I trust with the remarks which I will offer, by way of explanation, they may appear more satisfactory than the mere figures exhibit. The report states the chief cause, namely, the payment of the rate of 4½ per cent. upon about five millions still current, which is held—in Australia £3,109,400 and £1,875,800 in the old country. You must be well aware that 4½ is a high rate for a bank to have to pay in these times of low returns upon all investments, and that it is 2 per cent. above the bank rate in the adjoining colonies of Victoria and South Australia and in Tasmania, and that the current rate in this colony is only 2½ and 3 per cent. We were unable to get any advantage from the continuous reduction of the rate, because our arrangements in 1893 were too rigid, and besides that disadvantage we had to reduce our charges upon good accounts or lose the accounts of valuable customers. We have also considered it prudent to lay aside the interest chargeable upon accounts secured by country lands and station properties because of the uncertainty of values. The chairman in his address at the last meeting indicated this when he said, "The board has adopted the policy of writing down the estimates of the value of our securities," and but for the profit upon the sale of consols going into the accounts of that half-year there would have been a loss shown at that time of £8400. Trade has been better, and shows many signs of improvement; but agriculture has been less satisfactory than was looked for, owing to dry weather; and the wool return has suffered from the same cause. The expectation of better prices for stock has not been realised, and, on the whole, the condition of settlers has not been improved during 1896. I have much pleasure in stating that the current business of the bank continues to be satisfactory, and to acknowledge the consideration and confidence which our old customers have reposed in us by continuing their business. We have not been unmindful of their interests, for, in the negotiations now pending with our depositors, we have proposed conditions, which so far have been approved, by which the current accounts and all new deposits, including drafts, will be a preferent charge. The amount of current account deposits, £940,941, is less by about £20,000 than at last half-year; but the amount has increased since the 31st December. The notes in circulation have increased by £19,481 during the six months, and our liabilities on bills in circulation and balances due to other banks have decreased by £44,353. I have already stated the proportions in which the old fixed deposits are held in Australia and in the old country, and it is only necessary to state that the amount now outstanding is less by £382,924 than it was at the last meeting, and the new deposits, including completed rearrangements of the deposits of the old bank, have increased £165,665 during the same period, and the inscribed stock deposits have decreased by £754. £503 have been received for overdue calls during the half-year. On the creditor side of the balance-sheet you will observe that we hold coin and bullion in excess of the amount held at last balance by £29,928 and our cash balance in London is £103,953. We have sold the Government debentures held at last balance, but have purchased £50,000 British Consols at a cost of £54,875. The other cash items amount to £381,949, so that if you add up the liability on notes and bills, the amounts due to other banks, and the current account deposits, you will see, and our current account depositors also will see, that the cash and cash items cover those liabilities and there remains a considerable balance in favour of the bank. The other investments of the bank, namely, the bills receivable, bills discounted, current and all others debts due, and assets amount to £7,147,509, which is £333,280 less than the amount stated at last meeting, and while showing the usual fluctuations of business, the accounts show that payments by customers and reduction of indebtedness by the bank is being achieved concurrently. It will be seen that the reduction of the assets by our customers is more than met by the payment of our liabilities on deposits and by an increase of the cash held. It only remains for me now to add a few words about the withdrawal from the balance-sheet of the old reserve fund. We may tell you that it is possible the amount may be required to cover losses and reduce values, and in such circumstances it has been the rule to so deal with reserves held for such purposes. With regard to the chairman's visit to England we expected that the arrangements would have been completed before this meeting, and have learnt during the last few days that in all probability the decision of the English and Scotch depositors will be made known by the beginning of next month. We are seeking for terms that will, we believe, be equally pleasing all round. You are aware it is a very important and serious matter to the bank, because the payment of interest to depositors exceeded £300,000 for the year 1896, and the liability to provide that amount in these times as well as the expenses of administration is a very heavy undertaking. We look forward with every hope of success to a reduction in the rate of interest, and an extended time for payment of deferred deposits. We have sought the concurrence of our English depositors in the first instance, as when the time arrives we look forward with confidence to our Australian depositors responding to the views of the directors. These concessions granted, and with a reduction in general expenses by closing unprofitable branches, coupled with average fair seasons, we have no fear of our institution getting over the misfortunes of 1893. I now beg to move the adoption of the report and balance-sheet.

The report was adopted unanimously, and it was ordered that it be printed and circulated amongst the proprietors. A vote of thanks was accorded to the directors, general manager, and officers of the bank for the way in which they had conducted the business of the bank during the half-year. The chairman responded on behalf of the directors, and the general manager on behalf of himself and the officers, for the vote of thanks.

RANDWICK ASYLUM.

SOCIETY FOR RELIEF OF DESTITUTE CHILDREN.

The forty-fifth annual meeting of the subscribers of the Society for the Relief of Destitute Children, Randwick, was held yesterday afternoon, Mr. J. M'Pherson (vice-president) being in the chair. Among those present were—Messrs. George Renwick (president), J. Stedman (treasurer), W. T. Waters, D. Davis, T. Jessep, M.L.A., Anderson, S. Kennedy, Revs. Fitzgerald and M'Cauley, and Dr. J. A. Dick. The main building, the Catherine Hayes hospital, the superintendent's residence, and the workmen's cottages have been thoroughly renovated, and the whole of these buildings are in excellent order. The contractor was Mr. J. M. Barrett, Glebe. The large hall in which the meeting was held was decorated with evergreens, palms, flags, and an assortment of potted plants lent by Messrs. Pearce Brothers. A large assortment of vegetables grown upon the grounds of the institution were exhibited. Upwards of 150 prizes obtained by donations received from Mrs. S. J. Bryen (Randwick) and Mrs. J. Darvall (Ryde) were presented to the children by Mrs. H. Mackenzie (Stanmore), on behalf of the donors. The institution was thrown open for the inspection of the visitors at the close of the meeting.

The report was adopted on the motion of Mr. Davis, seconded by Mr. Waters. It expressed regret at the death of the Hon. J. Davies, M.L.C. In the year 26 children were discharged, 41 admitted, and 15 apprenticed, there being in the institution on the 31st December, 1896, 83 boys and 63 girls. The daily average number of children maintained, clothed, and educated in 1896 was 147. A legacy of £287 14s had been received from the estate of the late J. Nowlan, and £95 from the estate of the late H. Wynne. The country collections were £202 4s 5d, and the parents contributed £281 15s 4d. The apprentices' fund credit balance was £1109 11s 2d. Since the establishment of the institution in 1852 the number of children who had benefited by the operations of the society amounted to 4771, who were thus accounted for, viz.:—Apprenticed under indentures, 1132 boys, 863 girls; restored to parents and otherwise discharged, 2113; discharged to boarding-out officer, 305; died in 45 years, 212; in Asylum on the 31st December, 1896, 83 boys, 63 girls. It was nearly 10 years since there had been a death in the institution, and no Government money had been received since 1885.

Mr. G. Renwick was re-elected president, Messrs. J. Starkey and J. Macpherson vice-presidents, Mr. J. Stedman treasurer. Votes of thanks were passed to the officers and staff. Messrs. Davis, Dean, Houghton, and Forsyth were elected directors.

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INTERCOLONIAL CRICKET MATCH.

NEW SOUTH WALES v. VICTORIA.

VICTORY FOR NEW SOUTH WALES.

The match New South Wales v. Victoria ended yesterday in a brilliant victory for New South Wales by 192 runs. The weather was perfect. The wicket had worn wonderfully well, and was as true at the finish as it was on the opening day. The only places where the grass had disappeared were those spots on which the batsmen and wicketkeepers stood, and where the bowlers made the run.

It was generally admitted that the task which the local team had set the visitors was too heavy, though at the same time the latter were expected to fight hard. When play was resumed yesterday Victoria had to obtain 366 to avert defeat, and had six wickets to fall.

Trott (4) and Roche (2), the not-out men, took their places at the wickets at eight minutes past 12, the former taking strike to M'Kibbin, who, as before, bowled from the northern end. Coningham bowled from the Randwick end. The Victorian captain was not long in getting to work, the first over bringing him into double figures, and at the same time the century appeared. Trott was particularly aggressive, getting M'Kibbin away to leg to the smokers' reserve. With the total at 109 Roche glanced M'Kibbin into Coningham's hand at short slip, the field taking the chance very neatly, and with one hand. Bruce joined his captain, and Howell went on in place of Coningham, who had had 36 knocked off him for no wicket. The newcomer opened patiently, but finally got on to one from M'Kibbin, and smartly latecut it past Coningham to the cycle track, Donnan vainly trying to save the four. Howell's second over was very expensive. Bruce started off by cutting him squarely for 4, the next he got away to leg for 3, and Trott followed up his partner's efforts by square-driving him past Mackenzie to the ladies' reserve. Bruce then hit M'Kibbin to square leg for a quartette. At 19 he gave Kelly a chance of catching, but the wicket-keeper, to the accompaniment of cries of "How's that?" let the ball elude his grasp and fall to the ground. Howell had had 15 knocked off him as the result of his bowling for the day, and Garrett deputed Noble to take up the attack in his stead. The Victorian captain welcomed him with a pull in the direction of the scoring-board. Trott was quite at ease, and his strokes were a treat to witness. M'Kibbin then engrossed his attention. Swinging round to leg he lifted the slow Australian Eleven bowler grandly to the asphalt, the ball leaping over on to the lawn and striking the front of the stand. Transferring his favours to Noble he square drove him to the ladies' pavilion, but that bowler almost broke through the defence with the following ball, Trott just snicking it passed his leg stump. The tens had gone up with lightning-like rapidity, but the end of the partnership had arrived. In attempting the stroke of which he is such an adept—viz., the square drive—he only half got on to it, and Turner brought off a clever catch off M'Kibbin. The departing batsman played a brilliant innings, all his strokes were perfectly timed, and contained considerable force. While he and Bruce were together, with the possibility of both recording a century, it occurred to some that there was still a chance of the end proving exciting and the result being anybody's game. Trott's departure, however, dashed all such hopes to the ground. His performance for the match was 148. Trumble joined Bruce as the score six for 157 was signalled. He started with an off-drive for 4. The next over of M'Kibbin's was a sensational one. His first ball Bruce lifted out to the asphalt at long-on for 4, the next was skied to the on for a brace, the third was off-driven for 4, the fourth travelled to square leg for a like number, the fifth was out of his reach and a wide was called, and the sixth Bruce unfortunately played on to the wicket. 7—36—169. Bruce, as might be supposed from the foregoing, gave a dashing exhibition of batting. O'Halloran now became Trumble's partner, and opened his account with a brace to leg and the luncheon adjournment then took place, the total being 194, Trumble 20 and O'Halloran 5.

About 1200 spectators were present on resuming. 200 quickly went up, Trumble being 27, and O'Halloran 8. The New South Wales captain persevered with Coningham, though the latter had been severely dealt with, while Howell's one wicket had cost 17 runs only. The runs continuing to mount up Turner relieved Coningham at 227; but this change did not stop the onward course of the batsmen. Trumble was particularly effective, while his comrade was satisfied to wait his opportunity without forcing the game. One stroke from the tall Victorian dropped on the asphalt. Howell was at length called upon to bowl instead of M'Kibbin, and the change at once met with good results. After being hit for 4 by Trumble, the latter was first beaten, and to the next put his leg in front and departed lbw. He played a sterling innings for 58, and the partnership just closed produced 75 runs. Carlton next appeared, but was not at home to Howell. An appeal for lbw was answered in the negative, but while he was congratulating himself on his fresh lease he was clean bowled by Howell with a ball that came in slightly from the off and shifted the centre stump.

Howell's figures were now three wickets for 23, the last two being obtained at a cost of 6 runs. Johns, the last man, joined O'Halloran with the total at 249. The latter was batting full of confidence, and he and Johns carried the total to 268, one less than the first innings, and then the Victorian wicket-keeper just touched a ball from Turner, which, cannoning off Kelly's shoulder, found repose in Coningham's hands. New South Wales thus won by 192 runs. O'Halloran played a high-class game for 28 not out. The fielding was good, Gregory being prominent. Kelly was not seen at his best. Unfortunately on the first day he received a very severe blow on one finger, and this militated against his showing true form; in fact he was strongly and medically advised against taking the wickets.

Howell came out with the best bowling average, securing three wickets for 29. He was not sufficiently used. M'Kibbin obtained five for 129, and was much more expensive than in the first innings. His figures for the match—13 for 236, or an average of a trifle over 17 runs—are very good indeed.

The following are the scores:—

NEW SOUTH WALES.—First Innings.

H. Donnan, b Trumble	7
A. C. K. Mackenzie, b Roche	6
F. Iredale, b Roche	22
J. J. Kelly, c Carlton, b Roche	0
S. E. Gregory, run out	0
M. A. Noble, c Johns, b Roche	71
A. Coningham, c Johns, b Trumble	6
T. W. Garrett, c Trott, b Trumble	10
C. T. B. Turner, c M'Leod, b Roche	10
T. R. M'Kibbin, not out	22
W. Howell, c Trumble, b Roche	4
No ball	1
Total	159

Bowling Analysis.—Roche, 28·1 overs, 10 maidens, 63 runs, 6 wickets; Trumble, 28 overs, 4 maidens, 63 runs, 3 wickets; Carlton, 4 overs, 0 maidens, 22 runs, 0 wickets; M'Leod, 4 overs, 0 maidens, 10 runs, 0 wickets. Roche bowled a no-ball.

VICTORIA.—First Innings.

C. M'Leod, b M'Kibbin	8
W. Bruce, c Coningham, b M'Kibbin	18
H. Graham, c and b M'Kibbin	17
J. Worrall, b M'Kibbin	15
H. Trott, c Gregory, b M'Kibbin	104
F. Laver, b Coningham	81
J. O'Halloran, st Kelly, b M'Kibbin	2
H. Trumble, c Kelly, b Howell	13
A. E. Johns, c Turner, b M'Kibbin	10
J. Carlton, lbw, b M'Kibbin	0
W. Roche, not out	0
Byes 3, leg-byes 2	5
Total	269

Bowling Analysis.—M'Kibbin, 38 overs, 11 maidens, 111 runs, 8 wickets; Howell, 24·2 overs, 6 maidens, 45 runs, 1 wicket; Coningham, 32 overs, 10 maidens, 73 runs, 1 wicket; Turner, 7 overs, 1 maiden, 22 runs, 0 wickets; Noble, 6 overs, 3 maidens, 13 runs, 0 wickets.

NEW SOUTH WALES.—Second Innings.

S. E. Gregory, c Johns, b Roche	58
A. Coningham, c Johns, b Trumble	13
T. W. Garrett, run out	42
H. Donnan, b Trumble	84
F. Iredale, c M'Leod, b Trott	62
M. A. Noble, not out	153
J. J. Kelly, run out	11
A. C. K. Mackenzie, c M'Leod, b Worrall	50
C. T. B. Turner, b Worrall	4
T. R. M'Kibbin, c M'Leod, b Carlton	37
W. Howell, c Worrall, b Roche	48
Byes 5, leg-bye 1, wide 1, no ball 1	8
Total	570

Bowling Analysis.—Roche, 34·1 overs, 5 maidens 122 runs, 2 wickets; Trumble, 43 overs, 18 maidens, 98 runs, 2 wickets; Trott, 23 overs, 2 maidens, 84 runs, 1 wicket; Laver, 14 overs, 2 maidens, 27 runs, 0 wickets; O'Halloran, 18 overs, 6 maidens, 51 runs, 0 wickets; Bruce, 3 overs, 0 maidens, 7 runs, 0 wickets; Worrall, 10 overs, 1 maiden, 33 runs, 2 wickets; Carlton, 33 overs, 9 maidens, 87 runs, 1 wicket; M'Leod, 24 overs, 8 maidens, 53 runs, 0 wickets. Laver bowled one no ball, and O'Halloran one wide.

VICTORIA.—Second Innings.

C. M'Leod, b M'Kibbin	38
J. Worrall, run out	31
H. Graham, lbw, b M'Kibbin	1
F. Laver, c Coningham, b Howell	13
W. Roche, c Coningham, b M'Kibbin	3
H. Trott, c Turner, b M'Kibbin	40
W. Bruce, b M'Kibbin	36
H. Trumble, lbw, b Howell	58
J. O'Halloran, not out	28
J. Carlton, b Howell	0
A. E. Johns, c Coningham, b Turner	13
Byes 5, leg-bye 1, wide 1	7
	268

Bowling Analysis.—M'Kibbin, 41 overs, 7 maidens, 129 runs, 5 wickets; Coningham, 22 overs, 2 maidens, 60 runs, 0 wickets; Noble, 7 overs, 3 maidens, 17 runs, 0 wickets; Turner, 8·3 overs, 3 maidens, 26 runs, 1 wicket; Howell, 13 overs, 6 maidens, 29 runs, 3 wickets. M'Kibbin bowled a wide.

Six of the Victorians started per express train yesterday for home, viz., Stuckey, O'Halloran, Carlton, Roche, Worrall, and Bruce. The rest will probably leave this afternoon.

REVIEW OF THE MATCH.

The fifty-eighth match between New South Wales and Victoria is now a matter of history, and the mother colony is the holder of the Sheffield Shield for at least another 12 months. It is gratifying to note that the victory was gained on the merits of the game. The wicket was as accurate throughout the whole five days over which the contest lasted as it was on the opening day, and therefore the winning of the toss exercised no influence on the result. The fact that Victoria in the second innings scored within one run of its former effort is sufficient proof of the state of the wicket. For the time of the year the weather was particularly pleasant. What rain did fall was of very short duration, and even that was a blessing in disguise, for it cooled a previously oppressive atmosphere. From the start the game abounded in interesting incidents. It was remarkable that New South Wales should have been disposed of for 159 on the first day and 570 in the second innings, and that the team that was in the minority of 110 on the first should eventually have won by 192. The victory of New South Wales was due to the fact that its bowlers not only contributed largely with the bat, but they remained with Noble in each innings while he considerably augmented his own total. In bowling the victors were also superior. In the fielding, however, it would be difficult to say which eleven showed the better work. The New South Wales ground fielding was rather an improvement on the Victorian, though in the most important position in the field—that of wicket-keeper—the visitors showed to advantage. As each occupant of the post was a member of the last Australian Eleven, and under the peculiar circumstances of Kelly's inclusion in that team, it was impossible for the public to avoid a comparison. Such, however, was unfair to the New South Wales representative for the reason that early in the match he received a severe blow on one finger. As it was he filled the position contrary to medical advice. Johns's expertness was, however, one of the features of the play. The same may be said of the phenomenal performance of Noble, a colt, whose top score of each innings, emphasised by the brilliance of his batting, stamps him as a batsman of the first flight. His contribution was 224 for once out. Second only to Noble's performance comes that of Trott, the Victorian captain, his aggregate being 144. Many others on both sides rendered valuable assistance. In the bowling department M'Kibbin and Howell did remarkably well, the former having to do the lion's share; while Roche, on behalf of the visitors, though performing with a vast amount of credit in his first attempt, was singularly unsuccessful in the second innings in securing a reasonable result. It is satisfactory to note that he does not appear to lose heart. Trumble did not meet with success, though it should be stated that he was suffering from a strain. The good feeling between the two sides is a matter for congratulation. Nothing whatever occurred to mar the harmony of the contest. The umpiring was satisfactory, the proportion of appeals to the number of runs scored being small. That the popularity of cricket as a game is not on the decline is evidenced by the fact that the gross attendance reached 46,800, and the receipts £1895. New South Wales has now won 27 matches, against Victoria's 31.

ARRIVAL OF THE CHINA.

THE PRIDE OF THE P. AND O. LINE.

A FLOATING PALACE.

UNEQUALLED FOR BEAUTY AND FINISH.

"Well, and what do you think of her?" remarked a companion to a *Herald* reporter, as both came ashore from the China yesterday. "What do you think of this?" was the reply. "Isn't this (referring to the boat in which they were seated) a bit ahead of anything you have travelled in?" And so it was, for the whole of the 50ft. long boat was rushing along at 10 miles an hour, skimming the water like a thing of life, yet there was neither sail nor steam, smoke nor grease, fire nor oil visible, as indeed they had no existence on the electric launch of the China. Nothing is to be seen but the cushioned seats, the blue-robed, scarlet turban-topped boatmen forward, and the helmsman aft. The latter turns on the current, and away you go. There may be 10 passengers, or six times that number aboard—she dashes along regardless. Such a contrast between the old and the new in small boats may be drawn between the palatial China and some of her predecessors of but a few years ago. What strides have been taken in shipbuilding since the young days of the old P. and O. Easy enough to run back in her history, for it is all written, and has been rewritten in every part of the globe; how with a 200-ton paddle boat this company started, and then go on *ad lib.* until the 200 became 2000, 3000, 4000, 5000, 6000, 7000, and culminating in the swift China, the India, the Egypt, and the Arabia. To look at any ship as she lies in a corner of the harbour and to be told that 250,000 golden sovereigns are represented in what you see lying there is sufficient indeed to cause an exclamation of doubt. But you have only to multiply 8000 tons by £20 per ton, the approximate cost of the symmetrical hull, and you get £160,000 as a starting point. And you have not yet put a foot aboard, not seen anything but her graceful exterior and looked up at the smokestacks or the tiny two masts she has, barely casting your eye on the terrace of promenade decks overhead. One cannot even see any evidence of further outlay. But just "bide a wee," said an engineer on the China, "bide a wee, my friend, until I show you the 11,000-horse power engines, and some 20 or 30 smaller engines, electric lighting, hydraulic, refrigerating, and so on." And then he went on to describe how this yacht of 8000 tons "skips along 12,000 miles of ocean at the speed of a railway passenger train. Talking of cylinders placed tandem, shafting, groups of cylindrical boilers (double and single ended), a score and a half of furnaces, steam pressure, and all the mysterious paraphernalia of a great machine shop. Of course all this about the throbbing and pulsating engines was given the other day in the official account sent through from Melbourne. But here one sees a very large slice of the £90,000 that is wanted to make up the quarter of a million—that is to be added to the £160,000 already accounted for—and as yet one has not even looked through those tremendous globes of glass, those big eyes which seem to be gleaming at one whichever way one turns, and which stretch tier on tier for 500ft. from the bow to the taffrail. No you have seen nothing, absolutely nothing of what most would concern those who become citizens of this floating palace. And one may hope to do so some day, for one finds himself amidst such scenes of delight, of perfect ease, and pleasurable repose as will make one loth to leave the China. Nothing equal to her has been seen in this part of the world in many respects, nothing that money can buy could indeed be seen aboard a ship that is not here for the enjoyment and the comfort of the passengers. In the notice of the China that appeared as stated a day or two since the first and second saloons were depicted in all their glory. Still after spending an hour industriously walking along promenades, themselves longer than many steamers, treading through wide hallways looking into cabins, for four cabins, for three, two, and single cabins, saloons bewitchingly furnished, ladies' boudoirs whose loveliness seems like a dream, the sense of wealth produced by this [illegible] grandeur becomes actually bewildering. The quarter of a million idea of cost vanishes. Like all the very latest productions of the naval architect for merchant passenger steamers, this superb vessel stands forth pre-eminently with respect to upper deck cabins—wide roomy places in which one could hold a small party. The deck one first lands on contains more than half the accommodation, then the hurricane deck is all saloon accommodation, and down below are some more second saloon berths, with a good-sized separate dining saloon for children—a really useful and admirable apartment for children. As everybody knows, the P. and O. carry but two classes of passengers, namely, first and second saloon. There is no steerage nor third class; and as to cabins, (sleeping-berths, baths, &c., there seems to be little, if any, difference between first and second. The table, the promenades, &c., are on a different scale, though anyone who will spend a little time in strolling over the China cannot but be impressed with the wonderful superiority of the second saloon accommodation. It may be repeated that the China is the largest of the P. and O. fleet, and the most expensively built merchant ship that has ever visited Australia. She is 500ft. in length, 54ft. wide, 37½ft. deep, and carries 500 passengers. On next Monday she will come alongside the company's wharf at Circular Quay.

PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE.

The Public Works Committee held a sitting on Wednesday afternoon, and continued their inquiry into the rival claims of the places that have been suggested as suitable for the construction of a harbour on the South Coast. Mr. H. C. Russell, the Government Astronomer, was the first witness called. His evidence was mainly directed to a comparison of the height of waves on the coast of Australia and those that had been observed on the coast of Spain. The measurements taken here showed the maximum height in a gale of wind to be from 50 to 60 ft., while under similar conditions the wave measurement on the Spanish coast was 21ft. Messrs. W. S. Thompson, E. R. Evans, John Rigg, and A. Love, witnesses who had come up from Dapto, gave evidence in support of the Lake Illawarra project, which is a private scheme. Their contention, shortly put, was that the construction of a harbour there would be more advantageous than the Government proposal, which is to build a harbour at Port Kembla. They maintained that it would be impossible to make a breakwater at Port Kembla which would withstand the force of the sea in bad weather, whereas a safe and cheap haven could easily be constructed at Lake Illawarra, because there were not any natural difficulties to contend with. The statement that had been made by previous witnesses that the coal at Mount Kembla was of no commercial value was emphatically denied. The last-mentioned witness, who is the directors' resident engineer at Lake Illawarra, stated that the whole scheme for the construction of a harbour there could be completed in about two years. Mr. W. J. Wiseman, a witness who had come from Wollongong, gave evidence in favour of Port Kembla, as against the Lake Illawarra scheme. The committee at its rising adjourned until 2 p.m. today.

The Public Works Committee resumed its inquiry yesterday into the proposed deep-water harbour at Port Kembla. Mr. T. T. Ewing, M.L.A., the chairman, presided, and there was a full attendance of members. Mr. F. Jarvis, secretary of the Illawarra Harbour and Land Corporation Company, Limited, deposed that he had been secretary to the company for 18 months. With reference to a cablegram which was published a few days ago to the effect that two powerful dredges had been despatched from England for the company, he said that he knew nothing officially of the matter. In November last he understood that Mr. Armstrong was treating for two dredges with steel barges, and he subsequently heard that negotiations were still pending. The dredges were for the purpose of dredging Lake Illawarra in the formation of a channel. They would be capable of throwing out 800 tons in an hour. He believed that the work at Lake Illawarra could be finished in the time stipulated by law. Mr. W. Lovegrove gave evidence with regard to Jervis Bay.

A FAMOUS HERBAL PRACTITIONER.
Chronic sufferers are reminded that Mr. H. R. Kugelmann, who is the most successful of living Herbal Practitioners, may be consulted free at the Grosvenor Hotel, Sydney, on all long-standing, deeply seated, and supposed incurable diseases on Wednesday next, the 20th instant (hours 9.30 till 4 p.m.) and also the following week, on Thursday, the 28th instant (hours 12 a.m. till 9 p.m.), and Friday, 29th instant (9 a.m. till 3 p.m.). All who have failed to obtain a cure of their ailments by the ordinary doctors should avail themselves of this opportunity. Mr. Kugelmann visits Sydney regularly every two months, also Brisbane and Adelaide, and his central address is 311 and 112 Flinders-street, Melbourne.—[ADVT.]

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—January 28.

China, Royal Mail steamer, 8000 tons, Captain F. Harris, from London, via ports. Passengers—From London: Mr. J. Ronaldson, Mrs. Ronaldson, Mr. White, Mrs. White, Mr. N. Pretty, Mr. H. Smith, Mrs. Smith, Rev. Thorne, Miss Thorne, Mrs. Feeney, Mr. Feeney, Dr. Hyde, Mr. Hunter, Colonel Wetherley, Mr. Farr, Mrs. Farr and infant, Mr. J. M'Donald, Mrs. M'Donald, Mr. E. Burman, Miss Craal, Mr. J. Ismay, Lady M. Ismay, Miss Ismay and maid, Captain Millett, Mrs. Millett, man and maid, Captain Fitzroy, Mr. Fitzroy, Mrs. C. Alderman and daughter, Mr. Alderman, Miss Bremner, Mrs. Eichl, Miss Lewis, Mr. E. Wason, Mr. T. Waldie, Mr. S. Smith, Mr. Gogolowitch, Mr. Tod, Mr. Carpenter Rowe, Mrs. Carpenter Rowe, Mr. Wasson, Miss Webb, Mrs. Gill, Mr. B. B. Smith, Mr. Winters, Mr. Blackall, Mr. and Mrs. Coombe, man and maid, Mr. G. Clerk, Mr. M'Gillivray, Mr. J. Morrison, Mr. H. C. Smith. From Colombo: Mr. Gray, Mr. Miller. From Ismailia: Mr. Gregory and man. From Brindisi: Mrs. Gross, Miss Gross, Master Gross, Mr. Moffin, Mr. Newman, Mrs. Newman, Mr. R. Ramsay, Miss Ramsay, Mr. Hunt, Miss Hunt, Mr. Moslacher, Mr. Hird, Mr. Fleming, Mrs. Fleming, Miss Fleming, Mr. J. Fleming. From Bombay: Mrs. Ronaldson, 2 children and nurse, Private Sandilands, Mr. Colgrave, Mr. Lattle, Captain Hayes. From Colombo: Mr. and Mrs. Curtiss, Mr. A. W. Madden, Lieutenant-Colonel Madden, Mr. J. Drummond, Mr. J. Brown. From Albany: Miss G. Burnett, Mr. W. Tate, Miss D. Gray, Miss Tyrell, Mr. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. J. Craig. From Adelaide: Mr. Manclope, Mr. J. Ramsay, Mr. Madden, Mr. Wilson, Mr. R. Coombs, Mr. W. Wearne, Mr. A. Henson, Miss J. Keally. From Melbourne: Mr. Lister Henry, Miss K. French, Mr. A. Shaw and child, Mr. G. Wilson, Mr. Youlden, Mr. R. Langton, Mr. Bard, Mr. J. Holt, Mr. L. Ratazzi, Mr. Napthali, Mr. C. Johnston, Mr. and Miss Stone, Mrs. and Miss Sutherland, Miss Joseph, Miss Green, Miss Lewis, Mrs. Macpherson, Mr. Yeldon, Mr. J. Cox, Mr. W. Kerr, Miss M'Lean, Rev. J. and Mrs. Campbell, Mr. J. Smith, Captain Riddell, Mr. and Mrs. Walker, Mr. Young, Mr. Ross, Mr. A. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Sharp, Miss White. From Brindisi to Dunedin: Hon. Mr. Oliver, Mrs. Oliver. From Brindisi to Lyttelton: Mr. J. Gould. From London for Lyttelton: Mr. Wason, Mr. A. Willcocks, Mr. H. Gale. From London for Dunedin: Mr. T. Hunter, Miss Matheson, Mr. Thomas. From London to Rockhampton: Mr. Greaves. From London to Brisbane: Mr. and Mrs. Steele, Miss Robertson, Mr. Mackenzie, Mrs. Mackenzie, Mr. Dott, Dr. Leith, Miss Walker, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Earnshaw. From Colombo to New Zealand: Mr. Laurie, Mr. Hudson. From London to Lyttelton: Mrs. E. Newton, Mr. R. Rider. From London to Auckland: Mr. and Mrs. Stevens, 3 children and nurse, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Nathan and child, Mr. C. C. Mayes, Mr. Haddy. G. Douglas Michie, agent.

Ranelagh (s.), 836 tons, Captain F. Law Johnstone, from Rockhampton, via Bundaberg and Brisbane. Passengers—Mrs. Magee, Messrs. Magee, L. K. Ward, C. C. Mackenzie, R. Robinson, D. Houston, W. Tomar, A. J. Moreton, and 22 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Stassfurt (s.), 2343 tons, Captain Trulsen, from Melbourne, in ballast. H. W. Henderson, agent.

Frammes (s.), 1498 tons, Captain Wettergrun, from Western Australia. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

Electra (s.), 395 tons, Captain Edward Farrell, from Port Macquarie 27th January. Passengers—Mesdames Peacock and Loares, Misses Peacock and Loares, Mr. Loares, Master Pontrey, Master Waters. The North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Newcastle (s.), 1256 tons, Captain Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

Lubra (s.), 467 tons, Captain Coogan, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, agents.

Rosedale (s.), 274 tons, Captain L. Paulson, from Bellinger River. Passengers—Miss Watts, Misses Hanley (2), Mr. Dobbs, and 3 in the steerage. The North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Allowrie (s.), 507 tons, Captain G. Walker, from Eden via ports, 27th January. Passengers—Mrs. Shaw, Misses O'Neil, M'Kern, Messrs. Earl, Mendleson, Cohalan, Shaw, Hewett, Manning, Kugg, Revs. Colman and Clements, Masters Hereford, Coldbon, M'Kern, and 8 in the steerage. Illawarra S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Kallatina (s.), 680 tons, Captain Magee, from Grafton 27th instant. Passengers—Mesdames Cox, Butcher, Bridger, Gilbert, Board, Misses Campbell, Beatson, Jarrett, Baines, Cameron, Northcott, Griffiths, Messrs. W. Howard, C. Campbell, F. Johnson, G. Murray, J. R. Jurd, W. J. Loughnan, F. W. Clarke, J. Williams, C. Smith, Craig, T. G. Griffiths, J. S. Farrell, G. W. Nicholls, J. C. Bondfield, J. M'Donald, E. Shaw, A. Neale, T. Allen, J. Johnson, Masters Griffiths, Cox, R. Thornton, J. Smith, and 16 in the second cabin. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Birksgate (s.), 1458 tons, Captain C. E. Saunders, from Fiji Islands 21st January. Passengers—Mrs. Hillhouse, child and servant, Mrs. D. Vollmer, Mr. and Mrs. Selzer and child, Mr. N. G. Williams and Master Williams, Messrs. O. Johns, G. Gordon, Hill, J. L. Hunt, A. O. Trebeck, G. L. Massey, M. P. Brownrigg, W. Wilson, and 3 in the steerage. Burns, Philp, and Co., Limited, agents.

DEPARTURES.—January 28.

Menmuir (s.), for Hongkong, via ports.
Charles Racine, ship, for Newcastle.
William Manson, barque, for Nelson, via Newcastle.
La Perouse (s.), for Noumea.
Emu (s.), for Rockhampton, via ports.

PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—January 29.

Damascus (s.), for London, via Melbourne and Capetown; Ranelagh (s.), for Rockhampton, via ports; Titus (s.), for New Guinea, New Britain, and Solomon Islands; Tomki (s.), for Richmond River; Oakland (s.), for Richmond River, via Newcastle; Illawarra S. N. Company's steamers, for Wollongong, Kiama, Shoalhaven, Clyde River, Nelligen, Bateman's Bay, and Ulladulla; Namoi (s.), for Newcastle; Elingamite (s.), for Melbourne.

CLEARANCES.—January 27.

Arawatta (s.), 2113 tons, Captain F. G. Lee, for Cooktown, via Brisbane and Queensland ports. Passengers—Mrs. Finnigan, Mrs. G. B. Shaw and child, Mrs. H. Mackenzie, Mrs. M. Roseby, Mrs. J. Mackenzie, Mrs. Benstead, Mrs. R. S. Fenwick and maid, Mrs. J. Hind, Mrs. Higgeson, Mrs. Dunn and 3 children, Mrs. Halbert, Miss Pearce, Miss S. Pringle, Miss Hall, Miss Knopp, Miss Smallbourne, Miss Wright, Miss Sabe, Miss Gould, Miss M. Walsh, Miss May Costin, Miss Wiekens, Miss M. Roseby, Rev. Father Beston, Mr. D. Carter, Mr. A. O. Lean, Mr. E. Forrest, Mr. L. L. Barnett, Mr. M'Alister, Mr. J. Morris, Mr. W. C. Johnson, Mr. J. Firth, Mr. A. Thew, Mr. H. Fisher, Mr. G. White, Mr. W. Manning, Mr. M. Freney, Mr. Rosenweig, Mr. A. G. Collings, Mr. H. Campbell, Mr. W. Freeney, Mr. Percy Hardy, Mr. A. E. Hanslow, Mr. A. N. Jeffrey, Mr. Mahon, Mr. F. Sarp, Mr. Saltmarsh, Mr. W. L. Spear, Mr. Digby Smith, Mr. R. H. Ramsden, Mr. J. Hind, Mr. Neville, Mr. Flegeltaub, Mr. H. V. Lawes, Mr. Halbert, Mr. Higgeson, Mr. Werke, Mr. H. W. Wiekins, Captain Fawkes, Mr. J. Fritton, Mr. T. J. Curbett, Mr. L. Viser, Mr. Digby Grist, Mr. Wain, Mr. J. Allen, Mr. W. M. Jeffrey, Mr. W. Killen, Mr. A. Glen, Master N. Ward, Master H. Ward, Master Allen Hardy, Master Wain, and 31 in the steerage.

January 28.

Menmuir (s.), 1980 tons, Captain W. G. M'Arthur, for Hongkong, via ports. Passengers—For Port Darwin: Messrs. J. E. Jolly, A. E. Castle, J. F. Montgomery, R. H. Symons, G. H. Thorne, F. Madden, C. Anderson, E. Wambles, Castle, Grant, E. Venables, K. Munro, A. Hamilton, N. Ruthven, Witherden, T. W. Margetts, J. M'Gimpsey, W. Parry, P. C. Harrison, Fletcher, S. Parry, and 16 in the steerage. For Japan: Count Papary, Mr. and Mrs. Mullen and child. For Hongkong: Mrs. Neale and 8 Chinese in the steerage.

Cintra (s.), 1979 tons, Captain J. E. Butcher, for Geraldton, via Melbourne, Adelaide, Albany, and Fremantle. Passengers—Mrs. Wittowski and 2 children, Mrs. Rankin, Mrs. Routledge, Mrs. Stockley, Mrs. Ridge, Mrs. T. Stewart and 3 children, Mrs. Polyblank and child, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. M'Kenzie and child, Mrs. Fitch and child, Mrs. Savage and 2 children, Mrs. Sayers, Mrs. M'Intyre, Sisters of Charity (5), Misses Thyra Asche, Cannan, Ridge, E. Ridge, A. Sweeney, J. Shaw, Mitchell, L. Solomon, Messrs. Hayward, Moriarty, Ellwood, Lindsay, Newell, Fuller, Catley, M'Gann, M'Gann, Fitzs, Rev. M'Kenzie, Dr. M'Clure, J. M'Clure, J. Taylor, Batley, Haigh, Duncan, Costello, W. D. Angus, Routledge, E. Wicks, J. Rankin, H. G. Hewett, Parker, A. Hay, R. Crossland, J. E. Bailey, W. Williams, M. Dawson, H. Youngman, F. Moss, Wittkowski, J. Gavin, F. Hodges, Newton, A. G. Umnack, S. G. Umnack, J. W. Brown, J. H. Hay, J. F. Wilson, James Fahey, W. D. Angus, K. Farrelly, W. Rasmussen, J. Thompson, Master R. M'Clure, and 136 in the steerage.

Charles Racine, ship, 1324 tons, Captain T. Wauge, for Newcastle, with part original cargo.

William Manson, barque, 386 tons, Captain T. A. Fry, for Nelson, via Newcastle, in ballast.

La Perouse (s.), 650 tons, Captain Giffrei, for Noumea.

COASTERS OUTWARD.—January 28.

Heroine, schooner, Captain C. Lange, for Tweed River; Enterprise, ketch, Captain P. Simonsen, for Nambucca River; J. G. Kondio, schooner, Captain J. Benson, for Port Macquarie; Sir Henry, schooner, Captain N. Cook, for Camden Haven; Fanny Fisher, barque, Captain J. Dickson, for Newcastle.

IMPORTS.—January 28.

[A special charge is made for consignees' notices in this column.]

Ranelagh (s.), from Queensland ports: 164 bales wool, 11 bales skins, 250 cases meats, 161 hides, 10 quarter-casks rum, 20 cases arrowroot, 3 casks tallow, 600 bags grass seed, 240 ingots zinc, 658 cases pines, 110 bags maize, 12 cases slippers, 30 packages sewing machines, 6 bags oysters, 2 casks pelts, and sundries.

Birksgate (s.), from Fiji and Noumea: 3800 bags chrome ore, 191 bags peanuts, 11 bags beche de mer, 43 bunches bananas, 2 horses, 16 bags hides, 9 cases shell, 14 bundles copper, 5 cases fruit, 9 packages sundries.

Electra (s.), from Port Macquarie: 1064 bags maize, 12 cans cream, 4 cases honey, 2 cases fish, 5 kegs butter, 3 logs cedar, 19 pigs, and sundries.

Oregon, barque, from San Francisco: 25,880 sacks wheat, 800 cases fruit, 485 cases salmon, 1367 doors, 1380 pieces pine, 818 pieces spruce, 1467 pieces sugar pine, 354 pieces oregon, 50 cases ammonia, 5 boxes cods, 60 bales broomcorn, 58 cases handles, 2 cases machinery, 119 reels paper, and sundries.

Rosedale (s.), from Bellinger River: 1522 bags maize, 12 bags oysters, 5 cases eggs, 4 coops poultry, 8 kegs butter, 7 cans cream.

Allowrie (s.), from Eden and ports: 2128 cheese, 781 cases butter, 44 kegs butter, 44 cans cream, 65 bales wool, 7 bales skins, 2 bales leather, 1486 bags bark, 10 bags maizena, 10 bags flour, 100 cases maizena, 39 [illegible], and a quantity of sundries.

Kallatina (s.), from Grafton: 1168 bags maize, 126 bags potatoes, 12 bags and 36 pumpkins, 46 bales and 2 bags wool, 91 cases eggs, 10 cases fruit, 15 cases fish, 11 hides, 24 coops poultry, 4 hogsheads molasses, 450 boxes and 1 keg butter, 5 cases and 1 cask wine, 36 pine logs, 13 cedar logs, 6000 spokes, 180 melons, 1 calf, 5 horses, 32 pigs, and sundries.

EXPORTS.—January 28.

Menmuir (s.), for Hongkong: 5 boxes gold (£1850), 1000 half-boxes soap, 15,519 bars lead, 222 bags horseshoes, 47 packages fungus, 29 bundles metal, 60 cases onions, 12 cases fruit, 215 cases potatoes, 13 cases guttering, 173 bags sugar, 5 cases butter, 80 quarter-bags flour, 4719 ingots copper, 40 cases milk, 58 cases galvanised iron, 400 spokes, 200 felloes, 35 pieces kauri, 9 pieces hardwood, 290 pieces pine, 5 cases cheese, 243 pieces timber, 20 bundles hoopiron, 34 bales hay, 27 cases nails, 10 cases screws, 20 bags hoofs, 41 bags bones, 24 bales gluepieces, 12 cows, 7 horses, 4 ponies, 1098 packages merchandise, and sundries.

TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

BRISBANE.—Arrivals: January 28, Aramac (s.), from Cooktown; Burwah (s.), from Rockhampton; Eurimbla (s.), from Rockhampton; Tainan (s.), from Hongkong; Industry (s.), from Newcastle. Departures: January 28, Herbert (s.), from Rockhampton; Tainan (s.), for Sydney.

MARYBOROUGH.—Arrival: January 27, Balmain (s.), from Brisbane. Departures: January 27, Fitzroy (s.), for Rockhampton. January 28, Julia Percy (s.), for Rockhampton.

FLAT TOP.—Arrival: January 28, Peregrine (s.), from Brisbane.

BOWEN.—Departure: January 28, India, R.M.S., for Brisbane.

TOWNSVILLE.—Arrival: January 28, Burdekin (s.), from New Guinea. Departures: January 27, Mary Peverley, schooner, for Bundaberg. January 28, Swordfish, schooner, for Normanton.

CAIRNS.—Arrivals: January 28, Franklin (s.), from Brisbane; Wodonga (s.), from Townsville.

YAMBA.—Arrival: January 28, City of Grafton (s.), from Sydney. The schooner Carin is ready for sea.

NEWCASTLE.—Arrivals: January 28, Tangier (s.), from Fremantle; Namoi (s.), Vaileis, Jones Brothers, Annie Bow, schooners, all from Sydney. Departures: January 28, Wollumbin (s.), for Tweed River; Favourite, ketch, for Cape Hawke; Culgoa (s.), for London, via Melbourne, with 5173 carcasses mutton; Elingamite (s.), for Melbourne, via Sydney, with 2350 tons coal; Joker, ketch, for Port Stephens; Namoi (s.), for Sydney.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 28, German mail steamer Friedrich der Grosse at 5.40 a.m., French mail steamer Polynesien at 6 a.m., Cintra (s.) at 11.15 a.m., west; Oonah (s.) at 8.15 a.m., south.

MELBOURNE.—Arrivals: January 28, Konoowarra (s.), from Sydney; Pateena (s.), from Launceston; Bothwell Castle (s.), from Sydney; Wellington, ketch, from Devonport. Departures: January 28, Sonneberg (s.), for Antwerp; Falls of Foyers, ship, for Newcastle; Noorbowa (s.), for Newcastle.

(FROM THE BOARD AT THE TELEGRAPH OFFICE.)

RICHMOND HEADS.—Arrival: January 28, Macleay (s.) at 4.40 a.m.; 10ft. on bar, 10ft. inside channel at high water. Passed: January 28, Arawatta (s.) at 4.40 p.m., north.

BYRON BAY.—Arrival: January 28, Kurrara (s.) at 11 a.m., from Sydney.

CLARENCE HEADS.—Arrival: January 28, City of Grafton (s.) at 9 a.m., from Sydney.

WOOLGOOLGA.—Passed: January 28, Arawatta (s.) at 9.28 a.m., north.

NAMBUCCA HEADS.—Arrival: January 28, Bell Bird, ketch, at 2.30 p.m., from Sydney.

MACLEAY HEADS.—Arrival: January 28, Zelma, ketch, at 6 p.m.

PORT MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: January 28, Alert (s.) at 2.30 p.m., Garfield, schooner, at 3.18 p.m. Passed: January 28, Fernmount (s.) at 2.30 p.m., north; Tyrian (s.) at 3.30 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT.—Passed: January 28, Augusta (s.) at 7.20 p.m., north.

CROWDY HEAD.—Passed: January 28, Fernmount (s.) at 10.15 a.m., Billie Barlow (s.) at 11 a.m., Augusta (s.) at 5 p.m., north.

MANNING HEADS.—Arrival: January 28, Coraki (s.) at 2.40 p.m., from Sydney.

CAPE HAWKE.—Departure: January 28, Marion Fenwick (s.) at 3.30 a.m.

SEAL ROCKS.—Passed: January 28, Australian (s.) at 12.10 p.m. and Wollumbin (s.) at 1.45 p.m., north; Oakland (s.) at 1.30 p.m., like an A.U.S.N. steamer at 6.15 p.m., south.

PORT STEPHENS.—Arrival: January 28, Joker, ketch, at 1.5 p.m. Passed: January 28, a topsail schooner at 8.30 a.m., south; Marion Fenwick (s.) at 12.40 p.m., Kallatina (s.) at 12.45 p.m., and Tomki (s.) at 3 p.m., all south.

CATHERINE HILL BAY.—Departures: January 28, Western (s.) at 10.30 a.m., and Illaroo (s.) at 3.30 p.m., for Sydney.

PORT STEPHENS.—Passed: January 28, Oakland (s.) at 5 p.m., south.

LAKE MACQUARIE.—Arrivals: January 28, Progress, ketch, and Edith and May, ketch, at 3 p.m., from Sydney.

BARRANJOEY.—Arrivals: January 28, Advance, schooner, at 3 a.m., Maggie Gibey, ketch, and Day Dawn (s.) at 10 a.m. Departures: January 27, Sophia Ann (s.) at 9.30 a.m., Pearl, ketch, at 6.30 a.m., Advance, schooner, at 4.45 p.m.

PORT KEMBLA.—Arrival: January 28, Beewing (s.) at noon, from Melbourne.

KIAMA.—Arrivals: January 28, Civility (s.) and Resolute (s.) at 4.30 p.m., from Sydney.

JERVIS BAY.—Passed: January 28, Age (s.) at 10.5 a.m., north; Easby (s.) at 6.30 p.m., north; Peterborough (s.) at 6.55 p.m., north.

WOLLONGONG.—Departures: January 27, Monarch, schooner, during night, for Richmond River; Countess of Errol, schooner, during night, for Sydney. January 28, Captain Cook (s.) at 11.30 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: January 28, a barque in light trim at 9.30 a.m., north.

BATEMAN'S BAY.—Departure: January 28, Peterborough (s.) at 10 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI.—Departures: January 27, Allowrie (s.) at 8.30 p.m., for Sydney. January 28, Bega (s.) at 12.30 p.m., for Tathra.

MORUYA.—Passed: January 28, Easby (s.) at 1.30 p.m., north.

GREEN CAPE.—Passed: January 28, Cintra (s.) at 9.15 a.m., south.

GABO ISLAND.—Passed: January 28, Oonah (s.) at 6.30 a.m., south; Friedrich der Grosse, G.M.S., at 5.40 a.m., Polynesien, F.M.S., at 6 a.m., and Cintra (s.) at 11.15 a.m., west.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY.—Passed inwards: January 28, Alagonia (s.) at 3 p.m., Federal (s.) at 5.20 p.m. Passed outwards: January 28, Leura (s.) at 6 a.m., an American barque at 9.5 a.m., Maitland (s.) at 11.20 a.m.

CAPE OTWAY (VIC.).—Passed inward: January 28, four-masted barque Wanderer, bound from Southrock to Japan, 75 days out, reports all well.

LOW HEAD (TAS.).—Arrival: January 28, Coogee (s.) at 8.37 a.m., from Melbourne.

STRAHAN (TAS.).—Arrival: January 27, J. C. Taylor, ketch, at 4 p.m., from Melbourne. Departure: January 28, Grafton (s.) at 1.20 p.m., for Melbourne.

ALBANY (W.A.).—Departures: January 27, La Serena (s.) at 12.30 p.m., for Sydney. January 28, Prinz-Regent Luitpold, G.M.S., for Adelaide.

FREMANTLE (W.A.).—Departures: January 27, Nemesis (s.), for Geraldton. January 28, Bulimba (s.), for Melbourne.

NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Departures: Fido, barque, for Melbourne, from Kaipara; Belle, barque, for Sydney, from Kaipara; Rio, barquentine, for Sydney, from Hokianga.

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METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average annual rainfall for 38 years, 49·858.
Total rainfall from 1st January, 1897, to 28th January, 1·095.
Sydney standard barometer at 9 a.m., 29·838.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 65; 3 p.m., 63°.
Temperature.—Maximum, 76°; minimum, 66°.
Barometer, 9 p.m., 29·972.
Temperature, 9 p.m., 69·3.

STATE OF BAROMETERS AT 9 A.M.

Gascoyne, 29·82; Perth, 29·86; Esperance Bay, 29·94; Eucla, 30·08; Streaky Bay, 30·10; Adelaide, 30·10; Robe, 30·04; Portland, 29·98; Melbourne, 29·95; Wilson's Promontory, 29·92; Gabo Island, 29·78; Cape St. George, 29·84; Sydney, 29·84; Newcastle, 29·85; Port Macquarie, 29·84; Clarence Heads, 29·80; Brisbane, 29·81; Rockhampton, 29·85; Mackay, 29·84; Cooktown, 29·88.

SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M., BY MR. H. C. RUSSELL, GOVERNMENT ASTRONOMER.

New South Wales.—Cloudy in coastal districts; fine elsewhere.
Western Australia.—Cloudy in the south-west.
South Australia.—Mostly fine inland, but overcast over southern parts.
Victoria and Straits.—Fine over the north; dull in central districts, with showers over central and coast.
Tasmania.—Generally fine.
Queensland.—Generally fine to fine, but cloudy throughout.
Central and Northern Australia.—Fine throughout.
New Zealand.—Overcast at the Bluff.
New Caledonia.—Cloudy at Gomen.

RAIN HAS FALLEN IN PREVIOUS 24 HOURS UP TO 9 A.M.

New South Wales.—Light and scattered in north-eastern districts. Maitland, 0·03; Murrurundi, 0·03; Scone, 0·20; Singleton, 0·02; Sydney, 0·02; Tenterfield, 0·13; Walcha, 0·05.
Queensland.—Light to moderate in far north and north-west. Cardwell, 0·30; Cooktown, 0·50; Croydon, 0·24; Gayndah, 0·05; Mackinlay, 1·03; Normanton, 0·67; Richmond, 0·11; Stanthorpe, 0·34.
Victoria.—Very light along coast. Portland, 0·05; Wilson's Promontory, 0·03.
South Australia.—Very light and scattered in the south-east. Daly Waters, 0·45; Port Darwin, 0·15.
Tasmania.—Light on west coast.

RIVER REPORTS AT 9 A.M.

Albury, 2ft.; Balranald, 9ft. 8in.; Bingera, 1ft. 8in., falling; Bourke, 4ft. 4in., rising; Brewarrina, 2ft. 7in., rising; Euabalong, 1ft. 7in., falling; Euston, 10ft. 3in.; Forbes, 2ft., stationary; Goodooga, 2ft. 3in., falling; Gundagai, 5ft., stationary; Hay, 5ft. 10in.; Hillston, 5ft. 8in., falling; Louth, 4ft. 8in., falling; Manilla, low; Menindie, 13ft.; Mogil Mogil, 6ft. 10in., rising; Mungindi, 12ft. 4in., rising; Pooncarie, 6ft. 4in.; Tilpa, 8ft. 4in., falling; Tocumwal, 4ft. 8in.; Wagga Wagga, 3ft. 8in.; Wentworth, 1ft. 10in.; Wilcannia, 11ft. 3½in., falling; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 11ft. 6in., stationary; Namoi River at Walgett, 8ft. 6in., rising; Goondiwindi, low; Dubbo, 2ft. 8in.

3 P.M. OBSERVATIONS.

Bourke, S.W., fine, 90°; Wilcannia, S., fine, 86°; Goulburn, W., fine, 82°; Deniliquin, S.W., fine, 81°; Forbes, calm, fine, 84°; Port Macquarie, S., fine, 80°; Sydney, E.S.E., cloudy, 74°; Newcastle, S.E., fine, 76°; Dubbo, S., fine, 88°; Cape St. George, E., dull, 75°.

COASTAL WEATHER REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, N.N.W., fresh, fine, sea heavy; Byron Bay, N.E., fresh, fine, sea heavy; Ballina, N.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, S.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Woolgoolga, S., fresh, hazy, sea smooth; Bellinger Heads, S., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Nambucca Heads, S.S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Macleay Heads, S.E., light, fine, sea smooth; Port Macquarie, calm, fine, sea smooth; Manning Heads, S., fresh, fine, sea moderate; Seal Rocks, S.E., light, cloudy, sea smooth; Port Stephens, S.E., light, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Catherine Hill Bay, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Lake Macquarie, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Barranjoey, S.E., fresh, showery, sea moderate; South Head, E.S.E., moderate, cloudy, sea slight; Wollongong, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Kiama, E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Crookhaven Heads, S.E., fresh, cloudy, sea smooth; Jervis Bay, E., fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Ulladulla, calm, cloudy, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, calm, cloudy, sea smooth; Moruya, S.W., dull, sea smooth; Eden, S.W., moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Green Cape, S.W., strong, cloudy, sea moderate; Gabo Island, S.W., fresh gale, cloudy, gloomy, sea rough.

FORECASTS AT 4 P.M.

New South Wales.—Light southerly to easterly winds on the coast; weather fine generally.—H. C. Russell.
Victoria.—Still cloudy in the south and showery in the east, but fine inland; light to fresh S.W. and S. winds; squally in south-east; sea rough, but moderating.—P. Baracchi.
South Australia.—Continued fine weather, with S. and S.E. winds, tending E. and N.E. round the bight; warmer weather shortly.—C. Todd.

SPECIAL FORECASTS FOR AUSTRALASIA AND OCEANA BY MR. A. W. ANDERSON.

New South Wales.—Rain of an electric nature in the north-east, with strong winds; isolated thunderstorms inland; strong winds and fresh seas south from Sydney.
Victoria.—Cloudy, showery, strong winds, and rough seas.
Western Australia.—Still fine, with scattered clouds over the country; rain squalls approaching from the south-west.
Northern Territory.—High temperatures, more rain and thunderstorms.
South Australia.—Fine inland, cloudy, with passing showers in south and south-east.
Queensland.—High temperatures over greater part of the colony; strong winds and capricious rains in various parts; sea moderate.
New Zealand.—Rain, strong winds, rough seas over South Island.
New Caledonia.—Cloudy, showery; disturbance —— now dispelled.

ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR JANUARY 29.

Sun rises at 5.17, sets at 7; Moon, 1.18 a.m., 3.57 p.m.; Mercury, 4.21 a.m., 6.3 p.m.; Venus, 8.55 a.m., 9.9 p.m.; Mars, 3.14 p.m., 12.55 a.m.; Jupiter, 8.24 p.m., 7.41 a.m.; Saturn, 12.20 a.m., 2.4 p.m.
New Moon, 3rd; Full Moon, 18th.
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Melbourne and Adelaide.—Tyrian, 11 a.m.
Brisbane.—Leura, 1 p.m.
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FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 1897.

Russia has declared the whole of India to be infected with the bubonic plague.

All the European Powers will be represented at the conference to be held at Vienna during February to consider what action shall be taken to prevent the spread of the plague.

Large subscriptions are being received in London from the provinces towards the Indian famine relief fund.

The Board of Trade at Montreal, Canada, has requested Mr. Chamberlain to summon an Imperial Conference to consider the question of establishing preferential trade relations within the Empire.

Great preparations are being made at San Francisco to ensure the arrest of Butler upon the arrival of the Swanhilda. The detectives are cruising about the Golden Gate to board her immediately she is sighted.

The correspondent of the *Times* at Rome has telegraphed to that journal stating that the Italian Government has made arrangements to evacuate Erythrea, on the Red Sea littoral, with the exception of Massowa. He adds that it is unlikely that this exception from the general scheme of evacuation will continue long.

Troops have burned the kraal of the chief Seka, in Matabeleland, and have recovered the Communion service of the Bishop of Mashonaland, which had been seized by the chief's people.

A convention of Irish landlords which has been held at Dublin has carried a motion demanding an inquiry by English Judges into the working of all the Irish Land Acts passed since 1869.

Mr. Ernest T. Hooley has made a gift which is equal to £15,000 a year to the aged poor of Derbyshire.

A large meeting of the leading citizens of Washington, U.S., has carried a motion to the effect that it hails "with patriotic pride" the treaty between Great Britain and the United States for the establishment of a permanent tribunal of arbitration.

Relief crews will shortly be despatched by H.M.S. Royal Arthur for the Mildura and Wallaroo, of the Australian Squadron.

In Chicago, where 50,000 people are reported to be starving, the distress is accentuated by terribly cold weather. The police are relieving the famine-stricken portion of the population.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Ruahine, bound from London to Wellington, has put into Sierra Leone with her shaft broken.

A report from Odessa states that a Russian cruiser, with 1000 men, has sailed for Corea. It is also stated that a Russian envoy is on board, and that he is conveying presents from the Czar to the King of Corea.

The Dervishes who were reported to be advancing in large numbers upon Agordat, in the Soudan, are now entrenched within 10 hours of that town.

The Porte has notified Greece that if that Power continues to permit the rebels in Macedonia to use the railways of Greece it will prejudice the friendly relations between Turkey and Greece.

A dreadful shooting fatality is reported from Mooneba, in the Coraki district.

A lad named M'Donald, aged 10½ years, accidentally shot his little sister in the head, blowing the top off, and after failing to stop the bleeding he carried her body seven miles to his father.

The Federal Council resumed at Hobart yesterday, and the subject of the New Hebrides was fully discussed.

On the return of the Governor of South Australia to Adelaide yesterday he was asked if the appointment of Mr. Justice Way to the Privy Council carried with it a seat on the Judicial Committee of that body.

His Excellency replied, "Oh, yes; that is what is understood."

The contractors of Perth, W.A., have formed a defence association, and intend to resist the demands of the building operatives for increased wages. The association intends to obtain labour from the eastern colonies.

At *Lawlers*, W.A., on Monday last, a man who had been paying his addresses to Miss Sylvester, but had been rejected by her, attempted to cut her throat. Two men, attracted by her screams, rescued her, but her assailant escaped. She was badly wounded.

Two prisoners who were being conveyed by police from Wilcannia to Cobar escaped from the coach early yesterday morning when about 18 miles from Cobar. Some time ago the same men escaped from Moree Gaol.

Yesterday the intercolonial cricket match, Victoria v. New South Wales, was concluded on the Sydney Cricket Ground, and was won by the latter team by 192 runs.

Absence of life in regard to investments was the characteristic of the Stock and Share market yesterday. Quotations were generally strong.

In the Import market yesterday general business was devoid of buoyancy, but no changes in prices were noticed. Breadstuffs remained stationary.

At Darling Harbour yesterday 377 bales of wool were manifested. 356 arrived coastwise, and 192 were received by rail at Newcastle on Wednesday.

Only limited business was transacted in the Mining market yesterday. Silver-mining shares were quiet. Queensland gold stocks had a steady tone, and Western Australian ventures were less dealt in.

The Customs revenue received yesterday amounted to £4377.

At the London wool sales on Wednesday the competition was animated. American buyers are still purchasing.

It is an old proverb that one has to go from home to learn news. The truth of the saying is exemplified by the fact that we have had to wait for the meeting of the Federal Council at Hobart in order to understand the real motives by which Queensland and Western Australia are animated. Sir HUGH NELSON has now asserted that "the Council could do all that was required at the present time in the way of practical federal legislation." We find that the reason for which Queensland held aloof from the Convention was that they had "no great faith" in it, whereas we are assured that they are thoroughly loyal to the Council. As a matter of course Queensland has a perfect right to lay down the terms upon which she thinks a federation to be possible. If she assumes an attitude that is not consonant with the present movement, we may regret her action, but we must admit her rights. The puzzle, however, is to find out why all this could not have been said months ago in the plainest and most unmistakable language. It was said that the people of Queensland were apathetic in the matter of legislation, and that an election could not be held. Then it was reported that the two Houses of Parliament had disagreed about the method of appointing representatives to the Convention. We believe that an intimation was made that if the federal movement were delayed, the Queensland authorities might be able to fall in with it. At any rate, it was certainly urged after Mr. REID'S visit to Brisbane that the time was too short for Parliament to take up the matter for a second time at the end of the last session. Now it turns out that the "reason" of Queensland's policy has nothing to do with these events, but is due to the fact that her representatives prefer the Federal Council to the Convention. The only question to be asked is—Why was this not made clear from the first? There has been ample opportunity. A bill for the appointment of representatives to the Convention was introduced in the Queensland Parliament. During the debates Sir HUGH NELSON did not announce that he disapproved of the movement, although he objected to the measure which had been passed in New South Wales. Mr. REID made a trip to Brisbane to discuss the matter, but neither Sir HUGH NELSON nor any of his colleagues had anything to say about what is now described as the real reason why Queensland holds aloof from the Convention. The Queensland Premier with his fellow delegates to the Federal Council passed through Sydney. They had nothing to say on the subject which has been the theme of their eloquence in Hobart.

The immediate cause of what was apparently a spirited debate was a suggestion that the Federal Council, which notoriously does not represent Australia, should wait for the results of the Convention. The discussion is of especial interest because it brings out the fact, which might never have been discerned by an ordinary observer, that New South Wales is to blame somehow or other in the matter of federation. It will be interesting to readers to see that one of the faults with which we are charged is an unseemly rapidity in rushing into federation. Sir JOHN FORREST, the Premier of Western Australia, deprecates the "present hurry-scurry," while Sir JAMES LEE STEERE, who hails from the same colony, charges Mr. REID with the atrocious offence of "undue haste." It is equally interesting to learn from the speeches of those gentlemen that New South Wales is retarding the union of the colonies, the reason being that this province has not been "slow" in the sense that it has not always fallen in with the views of its Hobart critics. To such little inconsistencies we need pay little attention. The policy of New South Wales, as we shall immediately show, has never deviated and has never been unfriendly to federation. But we must deprecate the hostile sentiment which Mr. BYRNES of Queensland seems to carry about with him. This gentleman, who is Attorney-General of the northern colony, expressed his delight that Mr. REID had failed to "nobble" Queensland. The expression is thoroughly unjust. We are persuaded that no man in New South Wales desires to "nobble" Queensland, or to interfere in any way with the freedom of her actions. And if Mr. BYRNES has any reasonable objections to make to the policy of this colony we can discuss them without passion and without prejudice. There is no need for the somewhat youthful declamation in which he has seen fit to indulge. Mr. BYRNES has told the Federal Council that it is too afraid of wounding the feelings of New South Wales politicians.

But the statements, which were made during the debate at Hobart, show that it is advisable to point out the exact policy which New South Wales at first adopted and has consistently followed in regard to federation. An objection was taken to the Federal Council for three reasons which have never been controverted and much less refuted. The Council was the result of a *Parliamentary arrangement*, and was in no sense based upon the suffrages of the people. In Australia there is a definite system of government, which may sometimes be unsatisfactory; but all classes take the good and the bad together, and accept the Constitution as it now exists. It would be quite another thing to put men in power who had been appointed under a different system. In the second place, the Federal Council had not the scope which is desirable in a union of the colonies. At its best it could not deal with the questions, few in number but great in importance, that will make or mar the union of Australia. And, thirdly, the Federal Council had no executive or effective power. Whatever its wisdom might be—and statesmen have attended its meetings against whom we have no word of criticism to make—its power of action was limited. It was on these grounds that New South Wales held aloof from the Federal Council, and the justification of its action is afforded by the fact that the Queensland representatives, seeing that the old Council was futile, are trying to extend its powers and to make it an elective body. For the rest we can only say that New South Wales has shown the utmost desire that Queensland should join in the present federal movement. It has been charged against us in the southern colonies that we have been *too* much impressed by the defection of our northern neighbour. Were it necessary to make an answer, it is only necessary to say that New South Wales can fulfil every public promise and also maintain her own rights. At the same time we hope that nothing more will be heard of such arguments, and that the subject of federation will be treated logically and impartially as it is presented to the electors. In this way only can we hope to find a union that will give effect to its resolutions.

The fact that a total sum of £1895 was received at the turnstiles during the five days of the cricket match is sufficient testimony to the undiminished popularity of the *game*. On Anniversary Day no less than 18,000 people were present on the ground, and the play was watched with eager interest during the whole time it was in progress. Passing through the city it might have been thought that such of the population of Sydney as was not assembled on the cricket ground was gathered round the places where the details of the score were exhibited; but as a matter of fact we know that other festival resorts were crowded by hosts of holiday-makers, and that the cricket match carried off its 18,000 in the face of many other attractions. If the popularity of a game makes it national, then cricket is surely entitled to that designation so far as we are concerned, notwithstanding the humorous disclaimer by Sir GEORGE DIBBS at the regatta on Tuesday. Whether our young men prefer to amuse themselves with three sticks, a bat, and a ball on land, or with a couple of sticks and a few yards of canvas in a boat on the water, it is quite clear that they are capable of making the most of their opportunities in this way. The means to amusement, after all, matter very little provided they are manly and honest, and whether our young men prefer the sets of aids just mentioned, or to propel themselves on a tubular trapezoid on two wheels, or to kick a sphere of leather and each other violently about a green for a whole afternoon, the end is the same. It is the distinction of cricket that, while its three sticks and a ball are no more or less absurd in themselves than the adjuncts of other sports, it is the game which above all others succeeds in drawing the multitude, and crowding the scene where the match is played day after day with enthusiastic spectators.

It is understood that the trustees of the Sydney Cricket Ground are entitled to 15 per cent. of the takings at the gate, and as this money is spent in beautifying the grounds the public in this sense has a portion of the money returned. The Sydney Cricket Ground is at present as agreeable and inviting a pleasure-place as one might see anywhere, and worthy of the sport which our people have elected to regard as national. It is something for the citizens of Sydney to be possessed of a recreation ground like this, even if a few are not so enthusiastic about the sport as others. These unregenerate ones may take refuge in Mr. LABOUCHERE'S cheerful sentiment about the English Derby Day. Not caring anything about horses or horse-races himself, he still was prepared to cherish that great occasion as a national holiday, and a place where people might see their friends all together for at least one day in the year. If our cricket matches continue to attract the citizens of Sydney in their thousands, as has been the case this week, the beautiful pleasure-ground at Moore Park will be able to serve for us the same social and friendly purpose that the Derby Day, does for the editor of *Truth* and the world he is mainly concerned with. In a climate like ours, especially in these warmer months of the year, when indoor amusement becomes a weariness and social functions a bore, it will be a welcome relief to be able to hail the time when even a great intercolonial cricket match may be made a means of bringing our people together into the open air. In cultivating this taste for outdoor gatherings we shall be doing no more than adapting ourselves to our climatic conditions in the same way that the ancient and modern peoples of Southern Europe have done immemorially.

There is an aspect in which the large attendance at the cricket match will suggest a comfortable reflection to those who may be more immediately concerned with our general conditions and outlook than with the consideration of popular recreation. To say that a sum of nearly £2000 has been spent in five days on a cricket match is by no means to convey the whole situation. It has to be remembered that one of these days was a half and another a public holiday, and that the races, the regatta, the harbour picnics, the seaside resorts, and the theatres claimed their thousands of patrons, as well as the intercolonial cricket match. To make an exact calculation of the amount of out-of-the-way expenditure entailed by all this would be next to impossible, because even the humblest picnic party goes outside the usual margin on such occasions. But we are at least justified in assuming that thousands of pounds have been spent this week for recreative purposes and purposes of amusement alone; and when it is remembered that the bulk of this outlay is incurred by the wage-earners and least wealthy classes of the community, the inference is easy that times cannot be so dreadfully bad as we might now and then be led to suppose by the jeremiads of those who seem to hold a brief for that sort of thing. We have a fair number of public holidays in the course of the year, but it is clear enough on the authority of such evidence as this that our people are both willing and able to support them. This again, no doubt, is largely a question of climate. It is generally accepted that in warm temperatures people require more recreation and rest than in colder climates, and that aspect of the matter hardly admits of argument. What is interesting to notice is that despite the talk of traces of the depression and the lingering touch of hard times we are still able to spend about £2000 in five days on cricket, and proportionately on other amusements. The official statistics for the last year available show that we actually spend annually on "art and amusement" a sum which falls much less than two thousand short of the round million sterling. The proportion of art to amusement in this bill of expenses, it is to be feared, bears something like that of Falstaff's ha'porth of bread to an intolerable deal of sack; but so long as people can afford the outlay no one will grudge them their legitimate recreation.

The discussion in America on the treaty of arbitration between England and the United States is of exceeding interest. It shows on the one hand that a number of Senators are trying to stop the arbitration because certain jingo sentiments usually expressed in a most verbose style will be rendered of no avail. It shows also that a large body of the people are in favour of the treaty and that they have no desire to tolerate the extremists of the Senate. It has been pointed out by an English newspaper that there is a certain impulsiveness in American politics. Not long ago the Congress was apparently threatening a war or a course of action that might have led to war, which the President refused to sanction. Next there comes an opposition in the Senate to a treaty which the President has accepted, and some of the most important organisations support the treaty. We have no reason to believe that this particular agreement is a model for the settlement of international difficulties. But it has met with approval in Great Britain, and it has been supported by the Churches, by the Board of Trade, and by other institutions in the United States which make for peace and concord. This ought to be enough for the present. A Senator wishes, for example, to introduce the Monroe doctrine. At the beginning that doctrine was suggested by an English statesman, and as it is described in law there is no reason why Great Britain should protest against it. But the jingo party in the Senate have been trying to put a new interpretation upon the Monroe doctrine which has not yet been accepted even by their own Government. In its extreme form it is not likely to be recognised by the responsible authorities of any country. At the present time it will be thought by many that it is something to have framed an arbitration treaty, and this view has certainly been taken not only by the Churches which are commanded to speak plain but by the trading and business organisations. The treaty may not lead to a perennial peace; but the opposition to it seems to be wholly out of place and against the popular weal.

Since Mr. HOOLEY made that lucky "deal" in Bovril the other day he seems to have got possessed with an almost frantic desire to let the world bask in the golden rays of his sun. First he presented a superb set of Communion plate to St. Paul's Cathedral, next it was reported that he was about to buy a newspaper for the benefit of a harassed journalist, and now the cable tells us that he has decided to give £15,000 a year to the poor of his native county. If this is true it is the most attractive trait of his liberality yet revealed. Mr. HOOLEY, of course, has his detractors, and there are not wanting evil tongues to whisper stinging things about his motives. He is a *parvenu*, an advertiser with forehead of brass, one who must have notoriety at any price, say the captious, who, in all probability, are among the first to court the *nouveaux riches*. But supposing all these ill-natured snarls were literal truth, the example of Mr. HOOLEY and others like him is very significant and cheering. It proves that charity and philanthropy are the "fashion," and we know that fashion has often been as powerful for good or evil as deeper-grounded conviction. A homely Woman's proverb says that *one* might as well be "out of the nation as out of the fashion," and if millionaires merely make huge donations nowadays because it is "good form," why we must take the gifts the plutocrats provide, without a too close inquiry into motives. And there is genuine consolation in realising that let the mood of the giver be as calculating as it may, it would not be displayed unless it conciliated and appealed to a general characteristic of the times. The Hooleys, the Barnatos, the Colonel Norths were not the first millionaires, but their predecessors seldom dreamt of gaining favour after their methods. The Indian nabob of a former day thought only of using his money as a lever to high life; the rich vulgarian at the beginning of the century would never have hit upon charity as a means to bring him into general recognition. So that even if Mr. HOOLEY is not the ardent lover of his fellow-man that his liberal gifts would seem to warrant, it is of small importance. If the only way for a modern Nobody is to be a Peabody before he can become a Somebody, the world is the clear gainer.

SIR J. B. THURSTON.—Reports received by the steamer Birksgate last evening from Fiji mention that Sir J. B. Thurston, the Governor of Fiji and High Commissioner in the Western Pacific, has suffered indifferent health lately. Sir John and Lady Thurston intended leaving Fiji for Sydney on the 26th instant.

THE GEORGE-STREET TRAMWAY POWER HOUSE.—The Minister for Works (Mr. J. H. Young) has finally determined on the piece of land most suitable for the erection of the power-house for the George-street tramway. This land is situated between Mary Ann-street and William Henry-street, abutting on the eastern side on to the Darling Harbour railway, and bounded on the western side by a lane running parallel with Harris-street, at a distance from Harris-street of about 130ft., thus forming a compact block of about 1130ft. in length, with an average depth of 170ft. Mr. Young says that after careful inquiries, and consultation with the Railway Commissioners and the Engineer-in-Chief for Railway Construction, he has decided that this is the most suitable piece of land for the purpose, and steps have been taken for its resumption. It will afford a sufficient area, not only for the power necessary for the George and Harris streets tramway, but also for most of the tramways that are to be converted from the steam to the electric system by the Railway Commissioners after the electric system has been tried on the George-street line. The power plant to be erected will also be sufficient not only for the George-street tramline, but also for all the present steam lines likely to be worked from that locality.

MINISTERIAL VISIT TO COBAR.—The arrangements have now been completed for the long contemplated visit of the Minister for Mines to Cobar and neighbouring mining centres. Mr. Sydney Smith will leave Sydney for Cobar on Monday next by the evening mail train, and will be accompanied by Messrs. Waddell, Carroll, and T. Brown, Ms.L.A., and Mr. Slee, F.G.S., Chief Inspector of Mines. Cobar will be reached on Tuesday afternoon, and the party will remain there till Thursday, when a start will be made for Nymagee at 4 o'clock in the morning. The visitors are timed to reach Nymagee at 2 p.m. on the same day. After seeing what is to be seen there they will go on the following day to the Overflow mining field, after inspecting which they will continue the journey to Nyngan, arriving there on Friday night, and returning to Sydney by the mail train on Saturday evening. The Minister says the object of the trip is to make himself personally acquainted with the requirements of the districts in order that he may be in a better position to promote as far as he possibly can the development of the mining industry.

MINISTERIAL VISIT TO WAGGA.—The Minister for Mines and Agriculture (Mr. Sydney Smith) intends to pay a visit to the Wagga experimental farm after his return from Cobar at the end of next week. He will probably leave Sydney for Wagga on Sunday or Monday week, and he will inquire into several matters connected with the Wagga farm. It is proposed to increase the accommodation for students there. There are now 16 students at Wagga, and it is proposed to increase the number to about 20. There is a keen demand for admission to the Wagga farm, the very practical and valuable nature of the work carried on there being now recognised all over the colony. The training which students undergo there is almost entirely of a practical character, the facilities for theoretical instruction being greater at the Hawkesbury College. It is also in contemplation to send 12 students to the Bathurst farm.

LOCAL CEMENT FOR GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS.—A few days ago the Minister for Works, Mr. J. H. Young, directed the acceptance of the tender of Messrs. Goodlet and Smith for the supply of 7000 casks of cement for the construction of the wharf at Darling Island. The price was 10s per cask, as against 9s 6d for the imported article, but Mr. Young found on inquiry that there were other circumstances which would justify him in accepting the higher-priced local article. For instance, out of the 10s a cask Messrs. Goodlet and Smith would have to pay a certain amount for railway freight from their works to Darling Island, and this would go into the general revenues of the country. Another advantage of accepting the local tender is that the Government will be able to take delivery of the cement by the truck as it is required, instead of having to get a large quantity at a time and store it, with resulting expense in store rent. Mr. Young explains that the acceptance is, of course, entirely subject to the cement proving itself to be suitable for the work. Mr. Darley has advised the Minister that he believes this will be the case. On the other hand, in regard to the cement required for the Parkes water supply, the engineers report that the local cement is not suitable, and Mr. Young has therefore accepted a tender for 1100 casks of imported cement for this work. It is explained that the local cement has the quality of setting too quickly for some classes of work.

THE TICK PLAGUE.—The Hon. Horace Tozer, Home Secretary of Queensland, who is at present on a visit to Sydney mainly with the object of conferring with the Hon. Sydney Smith, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, was seen yesterday afternoon by one of our representatives. In reply to an inquiry as to the results of his mission Mr. Tozer said he felt some delicacy in giving any details with regard to it, as such explanation would more fittingly come from Mr. Smith. He had informed Mr. Smith of all that had been done by the Queensland Government in the way of carrying out the agreements arrived at by the Tick Conference which sat some months ago in Sydney, and Mr. Smith appeared to be well satisfied that Queensland had done what was required of her. Mr. Tozer will return to Queensland on Sunday next. From another source we learn that Mr. Tozer has suggested the advisableness of establishing a sort of federal institute under the direction of some gentleman to be chosen on account of his acknowledged scientific capabilities, and the duty of which would be to devise and suggest means for protecting our flocks and herds, not only from the tick plague, but from rinderpest or any other threatening epidemic. Speaking about the above matter yesterday, Mr. Sydney Smith said that after the present regulations had had a fair trial it was proposed to reconsider the whole of the intercolonial stock regulations. So long as New South Wales was satisfied that every precaution was being taken by Queensland to prevent the spread of the tick plague the Government of this colony had no wish to hamper or harass the stockowners of Queensland, the only desire being to prevent the pest from reaching our own herds. The Minister recognises that the stockowners of Southern Queensland, which is free from the tick plague, are just as keenly interested in preventing its spread as the people of New South Wales, and he admits that this is a safeguard to our colony. As to the proposed Federal Stock Institute, Mr. Sydney Smith cordially approves of it, and thinks it would do a very great amount of good work. Concentrating the officers and work in one central institute would tend largely to efficiency and economy, and better men for the work could be obtained than would be possible with scattered efforts in each colony. He is strongly of opinion that the colonies should arrange for federal action in the matter.

MAIL STEAMERS.—The new P. and O. liner China, reference to which is elsewhere made, completed her maiden voyage yesterday to Sydney well filled with passengers. But for detention at Colombo, awaiting the connecting steamer, it is claimed for the China that she would have beaten all previous steaming records to this country. A wire from Gabo Island yesterday gives the German steamer Friedrich der Grosse as having passed there at 5.40 a.m., followed 20 minutes later by the French company's Polynesien. Originally, according to the times taken at South Head on Wednesday when they cleared, 40 minutes separated them. The Gabo times give but 20 minutes difference. Taking the speed indicated by the time from Sydney Heads to Gabo it works out a shade over 14½ knots per hour.

NARROW ESCAPE OF A KETCH.—The ketch Defender, when putting to sea at 8 o'clock yesterday morning, narrowly escaped going ashore by missing stays when just abreast of "Old Man's Hat." The wind being south, blowing moderate, she was drifting head on shore when a for'ard and a stern anchor were dropped. The Captain Cook was immediately signalled to her assistance. On arriving there the Captain Cook dropped her anchor and backed in close, got a line aboard, and after some difficulty the anchors were weighed. The ketch was then towed clear to an anchorage off Camp Cove. Later she was towed to sea. She proceeded north.

SUCCESSFUL SALVAGE WORK AT THE MERKSWORTH.—The contractors for lifting the steamer Merksworth, Messrs. D. Sheehy and Sons, at 1 a.m. yesterday were successful in getting her off Cremorne Point and up into Shell Cove. The work done is considered to be the best accomplished in Sydney Harbour for a long time. Captain Banks, of Messrs. Banks and Coloms, the supervising surveyors for the operations, last night said that the Merksworth had sunk 7ft. in the mud aft, and there was 40ft. of water over her poop deck, so it was no easy task to overcome the suction of a vessel so situated. The contractors got lines underneath, having previously relieved the vessel of a couple of hundred tons of coal by divers and by grab-buckets, and then punts, with a lifting-power of several hundred tons, were sunk well down in the water over the foundered steamer. Fastened to these punts were the lines, which practically formed slings. The punts were then pumped out, and the Merksworth rose. In these slings she was towed, punts and all into Shell Cove, and now lies upright but still deep, only 2ft. or so of her funnel showing above water. On Monday next she will be again shifted inshore, and by Wednesday the contractors expect to have her in the Sutherland Dock. It is intended to tow the steamer up to dock, the vessel hanging in slings between the lifting-punts, and run the lot into the dock.

LANDS OFFICE DAY.—As was anticipated, there was great competition yesterday for the lands at Nevertire in the Warren, and Coppymurrumbill in the Warialda land districts. At Warren, for the 20 farms available, there were 186 applicants and 1388 applications, the whole area being selected, as were also nine out of the 10 farms at Warialda. The day's transactions, comprising 78,786 acres, were as follow:—Homestead selections at Eden, 1 block of 69 acres; at Gunning, 1 block, 102 acres; at Campbelltown, 1 block, 36 acres; and at Inverell, 5 blocks, 1987 acres. Settlement leases at Warialda, 9 farms, 24,217 acres; and at Warren, 20 farms, 16,289 acres. For the day the total number of applications for homestead selections was 9 for an area of 2193 acres; settlement leases 29, for an area of 70,507 acres; original conditional purchases 16, containing 1397 acres; additional conditional purchases 6, containing 965 acres; conditional leases 12, containing 3752 acres. These, added to the holdings previously applied for, give the following totals:—1362 homestead selections, comprising 410,792 acres; 355 settlement leases, comprising 983,923 acres; 1219 original conditional purchases, comprising 162,261 acres; 690 additional conditional purchases, comprising 158,038 acres; 1070 conditional leases, comprising 478,964 acres; 135 homestead leases, comprising 915,347 acres; and 162 improvement leases, comprising 1,848,896 acres.

SANDING THE CITY STREETS.—The conflicting interests of the licensed drivers and the city shopkeepers respecting the use of sand on the wood-paved streets has become such a burning question with the former that a deputation from the licensed drivers will wait upon the Mayor (Alderman Ives) at the Town Hall at noon to-day, to urge the necessity, in the interests of public safety, of having a larger quantity of sand spread upon the watered streets than is the case at present.

PUBLIC BATHS AT NEUTRAL BAY.—Yesterday morning the Minister for Lands, Mr. J. H. Carruthers, accompanied by Mr. E. M. Clark, M.L.A., and the Mayor and several aldermen of North Sydney, went to Neutral Bay to inspect the proposed site for public baths near the foot of Hayes-street. The Minister expressed himself as favourable to the proposal to place public baths at this spot, and it will now rest with the municipal council to apply for a special lease.

DESTRUCTION OF CITY REFUSE.—The desirability of adopting a more scientific and sanitary method of destroying the vast quantity of city refuse annually deposited on the corporation tip in Moore Park than by incineration in open air is engaging the attention of the City Council. In the opinion of the Mayor it is well to combine the utilitarian with the æsthetic even in such a prosaic work, by the erection of a modern destructor surrounded by a building having some pretensions to architectural beauty, which will not only be an ornament to the park, but also provide for the disposal of the city garbage under conditions less repulsive to the eyes and nostrils than those existing at present. To this end the council has decided upon the erection of a desiccator, and although the design has not yet been agreed upon, in all probability it will be similar to those patented by Sir John Fowler, and in successful operation in several provincial cities in England. In response to the invitation of the Mayor, Aldermen J. Harris, Kippax, Waine, Rainford, Hart, Landers, Dean, Jeanneret, M. Chapman, Johnston, and Beare, Mr. H. J. Daniels (town clerk), and Mr. W. M. Gordon (acting city surveyor) proceeded to Moore Park on Wednesday, for the purpose of selecting a suitable site for the desiccator. A spot was chosen on a commanding ridge in a southerly direction from Mount Rennie, between Randwick-road and Dowling-street, and accessible from both roads. At the same time an inspection was made of the private tip in the locality, and it was found to be in a satisfactory condition as far as open air incineration is concerned.

THE UNEMPLOYED AND THE LABOUR CONFERENCE.—At the close of the Labour League's conference on Wednesday night a deputation from the Surplus Workers' League waited upon the delegates. Mr. Black spoke on behalf of the deputation. At the close of his address the conference expressed sympathy with the objects of the league, and invited Mr. Black to address the executive as soon as the federal elections were over. Mr. J. C. Watson, M.L.A., said the labour party in Parliament would undertake to bring pressure to bear on the Government with a view to getting more effective measures to remedy the unemployed evil.

PRESENTATION TO MR. JOHN VERNON.—The officers and staff of the Railway Estate Branch have made a presentation to Mr. John Vernon, who has been in charge of the branch since its inception, and is about to take up a position in another department. Mr. Murray, in making the presentation of a tantalus spirit frame and silver bread platter on behalf of the staff, expressed the

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deep sense of loss they felt; they, however, wished Mr. Vernon prosperity in his new sphere. Mr. Vernon suitably responded, and thanked the staff for their loyal assistance during his term of office as estate agent.

FIRE IN KENT-STREET.—About a quarter to 9 o'clock last night volumes of smoke were discovered to be issuing from the windows on the top story of No. 333 Kent-street. An engine from the headquarters of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, under Deputy-Superintendent Webb, was promptly in attendance. The salvage brigade covered with waterproof sheeting the stock of David Mosley and Co., who carry on the business of indiarubber manufacturers on the first floor of the building. Mr. Webb in the meantime had a hose run from a street hydrant up several flights of stairs until it was possible to play directly upon the seat of the fire, which was in a portion of the premises occupied by Messrs. George Short and Sons as a bookbinder's warehouse. The fire had worked its way from the centre of the spacious apartment towards the windows overlooking Kent-street before it was discovered. The men soon had the fire extinguished, the damage which it had done being confined to the stock on the second floor.

Mr. B. R. Wise, one of the announced candidates for election to the Federal Convention, will open his campaign to-night by an address in Rainford's Cambridge Club Hall, Oxford-street. Proceedings will commence at 8 p.m.

A good attendance of the public and members of the School of Arts Debating Club assembled at the meeting last evening. Dr. Muskett was unanimously re-elected secretary. The motion, "That the safety of democratic government and its freedom from corruption and incompetency lies in the appointment of independent commissioners in the administrative offices of the State," was debated. The motion was carried by a large majority.

From an advertisement in another column it will be seen that Mrs. Buckley's art union is postponed until the 28th February.

The express steamer Newcastle will leave the Market-street wharf at 2 o'clock sharp to-morrow (Saturday) afternoon for the Hawkesbury River. The vessel will proceed as far as Cowan Bay, where excursionists will be landed, and the return trip will be started in time to reach Sydney shortly after 7 p.m.

The week-end excursion trips to the Hawkesbury River by rail, connecting with the steamer General Gordon, will take place to-morrow. Trains leave Sydney at 9 a.m. and Milson's Point at 8.55 a.m., and the river trip will occupy about five hours.

AT the half-yearly meeting of the Granville Lodge, U.A.O.D., on Monday, the installation of officers took place as follows:—A.D., Bro. T. Parker; secretary, Bro. Yates; treasurer, Bro. H. Thomas.

Mr. Thomas Pratt, the local financial agent of the London Missionary Society in New South Wales, who has filled the office of superintendent of the Point Piper-road Congregational Sunday School, Woollahra, for a number of years, has resigned the latter position.

Last evening the members of the Young Women's Bible Class in connection with the Point Piper-road Congregational Church, Woollahra, gave an invitation social in the schoolroom.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Sydney District Council of the Australasian Labour Federation, held at the Trades Hall last night, the following were elected as office-bearers for the ensuing term:—Mr. Sam Smith president, Mr. R. M'Killop vice-president, Mr. Frank Brennan treasurer, Mr. J. P. Cochran secretary, Messrs. G. E. Smith and J. S. Blackmore trustees.

At the Queen's Statue last evening a meeting, convened by the "Constitutional Republican League," was held. Addresses in regard to federation, &c., were delivered by Messrs. Foran and Hennessy.

The annual business meeting of the members of the Young Men's Christian Association will be held this evening, when the report and balance-sheet for the year ended 31st December last will be presented, and the election of officers for 1897 will take place. The president, Mr. J. R. Fairfax, will take the chair. The meeting will be preceded by tea at 6.30 p.m.

The annual picnic in connection with the Young Men's Bible Class which meets in the Point Piper-road Congregational Church, Woollahra, took place on Anniversary Day. About 50 members and friends, including the president of the class, Mr. Jackson, took the s.s. Northumbria from Double Bay and were conveyed to Flatrock, Middle Harbour, where various games and amusements were indulged in.

THE annual distribution of Sunday-school prizes in connection with St. George's School, Paddington, took place at St. George's Hall, Glenmore-road, Paddington, on Monday night. The prizes were presented by Mrs. Trickett, and numbered 93.

THE PRINZ-REGENT LUITPOLD AT ALBANY.

ALBANY, Friday.

The following are the passengers by the Prinz-Regent Luitpold which arrived at 8 a.m. yesterday from Bremen:—

For Albany.—Messrs. Moore, Bridges, Cumming, Hawkins, Smith, Brood, Gresham, Captain Parker and Mrs. Parker.

For Adelaide.—Mr. Kutzner, Mr. Loessel, Mrs. Thompson, Professor Toest.

For Melbourne.—Mr. Jenkins, Mr. and Mrs. Gresham, Mr. Jones, Mr. M'Kenzie, Mr. Staid, Miss Walker, Mesdames Robertson and child, Mackay, Harris, and Consul Reelps.

For Sydney.—Mr. Barker, Mr. and Mrs. Christie, Mr. Green, Mr. Balchin, Mr. Mordaunt, Mr. Kite and family, Mr. Kahon, Misses Myers, Tuckitt, Clarke, Keith, Mrs. Maitland, Dr. and Mrs. Morris, the Hon. S. E. Lees and party, Baron Baronin von Swayne.

For New Zealand.—Mrs. Kelleway and son.

For Brisbane.—Mr. Trackson and family, Miss Vohas.

There are 132 for all ports in the other classes. The ship sailed for Adelaide at 6 a.m. to-day.

COMBATING THE PHYLLOXERA.

IMPORTATION OF RESISTANT STOCKS.

IMPORTANT DECISION OF THE MINISTER FOR AGRICULTURE.

Yesterday Mr. Sydney Smith, Minister for Mines and Agriculture, had an interview with the Viticultural Board of Advice in regard to the phylloxera pest, which is a standing menace in the county of Cumberland and at Camden to the other vineyards of the colony. So much is the spread of the pest feared that in many places the vinegrowers will not now plant any new areas except with phylloxera-resisting vines. And it is with the view of encouraging this mode of combating the phylloxera that the Minister yesterday determined to take steps to import a large quantity of cuttings of phylloxera-resisting vines. Proposals were submitted to the Minister to allow individual vignerons to import the resistant stocks from France, but Mr. Sydney Smith is of opinion that it would never do to allow indiscriminate importation in this way, because though the phylloxera does no injury to the resistant vines, yet the insect can often be found on them in large quantities, and hence there is a danger of the pest being imported and spread over the colony. In order to secure the advantage of phylloxera-resisting vines and at the same time avoid the risk of spreading the infection Mr. Sydney Smith has decided to carry out the recommendation of the Board of Advice, and import 100,000 cuttings of phylloxera-resisting vines of the best known varieties. A cablegram has accordingly been despatched to the Agent-General, asking him to secure the services of an expert to choose the cuttings, and to take precautions to see that they are free from the disease when they are shipped to this colony. Similar precautions will be taken on their arrival here. The cuttings will be sent to the Wagga and Richmond experimental farms and planted, and in about two years when properly rooted and grown for a sufficient time to allow of making sure that they are free from disease, they will be distributed amongst growers at cost price. The department has already during the past month received applications for no less than 30,000 of such stocks. There are a number now growing at Wagga, but not nearly sufficient to meet the demand.

TO-DAY.

Benevolent Society of New South Wales: Meeting, institution, Pitt-street, 4 p.m.
National Rifle Association of New South Wales: Meeting, United Service Institute, Chancery-square, 7.45 p.m.
New South Wales Mont de Piété D. and I. Company, Limited: General Meeting of Shareholders, 11.30 a.m.
Western Suburbs Cottage Hospital: Annual Meeting of Contributors, Council-chambers, Strathfield, 8 p.m.
The New Royal Standard Gold Company: General Meeting of Shareholders, company's office, Union-chambers, 70 Pitt-street, 2 p.m.
The Watson's Bay and South Shore Steam Ferry Company, Limited: Annual Meeting of Shareholders, at the office of Mr. W. Liggins, Imperial-chambers, O'Connell-street, 3.45 p.m.
Mr. B. R. Wise will deliver an Address on "Federation" in Rainford's Hall, Cambridge Club Hotel, corner of College and Oxford streets, at 8.
The Broken Hill Ore Recovery Company: Annual Meeting, Long Room, Mercantile Mutual-chambers, 118 Pitt-street, noon.
Ophir Amalgamated Gold-mining Company: Annual Meeting of Shareholders, at the offices of Messrs. Lawrence and M'Lachlan, George and Wynyard streets, 3 p.m.
Rosebery Park Pony and Galloway Meeting: First race will be started at 2.30 p.m.
Waverley Ward Election: Mr. W. J. Blunt will adress the Electors at Kenilworth-street, Bondi, Flood's Estate, 8 p.m.
Palace of Amusements: 594 George-street, Brickfield-hill.
Bondi Aquarium: Open daily.
Criterion Theatre: "A Woman's Reason," 8 p.m.
Palace Theatre: Variety Entertainment, 8 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Cheer Boys, Cheer," 8 p.m.
Lumière Cinematographe: 478 George-street.
M'Mahon's Cinematographe at 237 Pitt-street, nearly opposite the Lyceum Theatre.
Tivoli Theatre: Variety Company, 7.55 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Jerusalem," opposite Redfern Railway Station. Open 10 a.m. till 5.30 p.m., and from 7 till 10 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: Children's Night, "Sinbad the Sailor," 7 p.m.
Cinematographe, 420 George-street: Open all day.

SPECIAL CABLES.

FROM THE *HERALD'S* LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.

MATABELELAND.

A CHIEF'S KRALL BURNED.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The chief Seka, whose krall is near Fort Salisbury, Matabeleland, having refused to surrender the arms in the possession of his people, the troops were despatched against him.

The troops burned his krall, and recovered the communion service of the Bishop of Mashonaland, which had been seized by Seka's people.

THE SOUDAN.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The Dervishers, who were recently reported to be advancing upon Agordat in large numbers, are now entrenched within 10 hours' march of that town.

MR. GLADSTONE.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Mr. Gladstone has left Hawarden for the Riviera.

TRADE WITHIN THE EMPIRE.

PREFERENTIAL RELATIONS.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The Board of Trade at Montreal, Canada, has requested Mr. Chamberlain, Secretary of State for the Colonies, to summon an Imperial Conference for the purpose of considering the question of establishing preferential trade relations within the Empire.

THE IRISH LAND LAWS.

CONVENTION OF LANDLORDS.

AN INQUIRY DEMANDED.

SPEECH BY THE MARQUIS OF LONDONDERRY.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

A convention of Irish landlords has been held in Dublin.

The convention carried a motion demanding that an inquiry be held by English Judges into the working of all the Irish Land Acts passed since 1869.

The Marquis of Londonderry, in the course of a speech, said that the Amending Land Law Act passed in 1896 had aggravated the hardships of the owners. The sub-commissioners, he said, were reducing rents to the extent of 30, 40, and even 50 per cent., although prices had advanced since 1882. Certain classes desired to expatriate the landowners, but if Ireland became the property of paupers, the land would fall into the hands of a few money-lenders.

THE UNITED STATES.

THE IMMIGRATION BILL.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The United States House of Representatives has adopted the report in favour of the Immigration Bill.

MR. E. T. HOOLEY.

A MUNIFICENT GIFT.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Mr. Ernest Terah Hooley, who recently presented a golden communion service to St. Paul's Cathedral, has made a gift which is equal to £15,000 a year to the aged poor of Derbyshire.

THE AUSTRALIAN SQUADRON.

RELIEF CREWS.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

H.M.S. Royal Arthur will shortly be despatched with relief crews for H.M.S. Mildura and H.M.S. Wallaroo of the Australian Squadron.

AFFAIRS IN COREA.

A REPORTED RUSSIAN EXPEDITION.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

A report has been received from Odessa stating that a Russian cruiser with 1000 men has sailed for Corea.

It is also stated that a Russian envoy is on board, and that he has presents from the Czar for the King of Corea.

ACCIDENT TO THE RUAHINE.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

The New Zealand Shipping Company's steamer Ruahine, which left London for Wellington on 13th January, has put into Sierra Leone with her shaft broken.

THE ELECTION OF BISHOPS

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The House of Convocation, sitting at Lambeth, has requested the Diocese of Canterbury to amend the usages in the confirmation of the election of bishops.

LONDON WOOL SALES.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

At the wool sales to-day the competition was animated. American buyers are still purchasing.

Jan. 28.

At the wool sales yesterday best greasy merinos and good crossbreds met with the readiest sale. The following were among the prices realised:—Kallara, 6d; Mitchell, 9d; Mathoura, 9½d; Hartwood, 9½d; Mungadal, 9½d; Broughton, 10½d.

PROPOSED RAILWAY TO PORT DARWIN.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The Earl of Kilmorey sailed for Australia by the Austral, which left on 22nd January. The object of his visit is to make overtures with regard to the construction of a transcontinental railway to Port Darwin on the land grant system.

Working Men.—Dixson's Conqueror is your Tobacco—genuine, honest, pure. Try Dixson's New Conqueror.—[ADVT.]

ENGLAND AND AMERICA.

THE ARBITRATION TREATY.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

A large meeting of the leading citizens of Washington has agreed to a motion affirming that it hails "with joy and patriotic pride" the treaty between Great Britain and the United States for the establishment of a permanent tribunal of arbitration.

BRITISH POLITICS.

A BYE ELECTION.

LONDON, Jan. 29.

The bye election to fill the extraordinary vacancy in the representation of Salisbury City in the House of Commons has resulted in the return of the Conservative candidate by a majority 147 votes. The seat was formerly filled by Mr. E. H. Hulse, a Conservative.

ITALY IN AFRICA.

EVACUATION OF ERYTHRÆ.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

Lord Salisbury, in a recent communication to the Italian Government upon the question of the evacuation of the Italian colony of Erythræ, on the Red Sea littoral, urged Italy not to retire completely from that territory; and he particularly advocated the retention of Massowa.

The correspondent of the *Times* at Rome has telegraphed to that journal stating that the Italian Government has made arrangements to evacuate Erythræ with the exception of Massowa.

The *Times* correspondent adds that it is unlikely that the exception of Massowa from the general scheme of evacuation will continue long.

TURKEY AND GREECE.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The Porte has notified Greece that if that Power continues to permit the rebels in Macedonia to use the railways of Greece it will prejudice the friendly relations between Turkey and Greece.

THE MOUNTAIN MURDERS.

THE DETECTIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO.

AWAITING THE SWANHILDA'S ARRIVAL.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Great precautions are being taken at San Francisco to ensure the arrest of Butler upon the arrival of the Swanhilda.

The detectives are cruising about the Golden Gate for the purpose of boarding the vessel immediately she is sighted.

FAMINE IN CHICAGO.

THE POLICE RELIEVING THE DISTRESSED.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

In Chicago, where 50,000 people are reported to be starving, the police are engaged in relieving the famine-stricken portion of the population.

The distress is accentuated by the terribly cold weather which prevails throughout the United States.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

ACTION BY RUSSIA.

ALL INDIA DECLARED INFECTED.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Russia has declared the whole of India to be infected with the bubonic plague.

All the European Powers will be represented at the conference to be held in Venice during February, for the purpose of considering what action shall be taken to prevent the spread of the plague.

THE FAMINE IN INDIA.

LONDON, Jan. 27.

Large subscriptions are being received from the provinces towards the Indian Famine Relief Fund.

THE BRUSEWITZ INCIDENT

A SENTENCE OF THREE YEARS.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

The reopening of the case of Lieutenant Brusewitz, who was sentenced to four years' imprisonment in a fortress for having murdered a civilian who accidentally jostled against his chair and refused to apologise, has resulted in the imposition of a sentence of three years' imprisonment.

H.M.S. BLENHEIM.

THE COLLISION IN THE CHANNEL.

LONDON, Jan. 28.

A Court of Inquiry will be held concerning the collision in the English Channel between H.M.S. Blenheim and the steel ship France.

TASMANIA.

HOBART, Thursday.

In the Supreme Court, in the case Eckford and another v. the Hobart Corporation, judgment was given against the latter on a point involving the right to levy a contribution for the construction of a private street, which plaintiffs showed had long been a public thoroughfare. The loss of the case involves the corporation in many contingent responsibilities.

In the Champion Yachting Race yesterday afternoon, between the Ailsa, a Derwent craft, and the America, from the Tamar, the former won by 3 minutes and 7 seconds only. The water was too rough for the latter, but she was splendidly handled. The south has now won the cup twice. Last year the Fairlie wrested the honours from the America in her own waters.

At the half-yearly meeting of the creditors of the Bank of Van Diemen's Land, the report presented showed a reduction of liabilities, bringing the total indebtedness down to £181,641, as compared with £260,993 for the June period. It is intended to submit to the creditors a proposal to accept a composition, one condition being that the indebtedness be reduced by £15,990, the interest now claimed by the Government. The composition will probably be 10s in the £, and £80,000 will be required to finance that in four quarterly payments.

Captain Slocum has his yacht Spray moored off the Launceston Wharf. He talks of sailing for Boston via the Cape of Good Hope.

VICTORIA.

THE RAILWAY REVENUE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The railway revenue for the first half of the financial year amounts to £1,303,265, as against £1,232,812 obtained during the first six months of last year. The increase thus shown is £70,453, which is all the more satisfactory as the additional receipts have been secured with a net decrease of working expenditure to the extent of £2030, while there has been an increased expenditure in maintenance, general expenses, and pensions. There has been a decrease in the locomotive and traffic branches as well as in compensation and gratuities. The additional amount spent in maintenance has been £1388, and the decreases in the locomotive and traffic branches amount to £707 and £5746 respectively. The estimated revenue for the year was £2,600,000, so that so far the receipts are above the mark.

THE BUBONIC PLAGUE.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Mr. Taverner, the Minister for Agriculture, recently communicated with Dr. Cockburn, Minister for Agriculture in South Australia, drawing attention to the fact that the bubonic plague now prevalent in India had extended its ravages to animals, and urging the necessity for federal action being taken to prohibit the importation of cattle from Indian ports. Mr. Taverner yesterday despatched a supplementary telegram urging that similar action should be taken in the case of cattle exported from South Africa, in view of the ravages caused by rinderpest, and the danger of introducing the disease into this colony. Dr. Cockburn had already written to the Premiers at Hobart with reference to the bubonic plague, and he will probably take similar action in connection with the rinderpest. At a meeting of the Board of Health to-day it was decided that special precautions should be taken to prevent the introduction of the bubonic plague into the colony. No vessels coming from infected ports, or receiving passengers and cargo thence, are to be cleared, except between the hours of 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Concerning the appointment of the medical officer to the quarantine station, it was decided to suggest that a salary of £600 should be fixed, and that the officer should be called upon to undertake inspections on behalf of the board in different parts of the colony whenever required.

THE TRAGEDY.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The inquest on the body of Thomas William Brady, the victim of the recent tragedy, was concluded to-day. The jury, after a short retirement, returned a verdict that Brady was wilfully and maliciously murdered by William Myles Phillips. The coroner asked Phillips if he had anything to say, and receiving an answer in the negative committed him for trial to the Criminal Court on the 15th February.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Lieutenant A. J. S. Templeton, formerly in charge of the Federal Fort, at Albany, died last night from pneumonia.

A petition was presented to-day to Mr. Justice A'Beckett by Mr. H. C. Roberts, of Kew, for the winding-up by the Court of the South Mount Lyell Extended Mining Company (Tasmania). The acceptance of the petition was opposed by the company. His Honor determined not to accept the petition at present, but directed the parties interested to appear on the 11th February when the matter of the petition will be debated.

The report of the directors and the statement of accounts for the year ended 31st October last of the Australian Widows' Fund Life Assurance Society, Limited, shows that during the year 1844 new policies assuring for £410,450 had been issued, and that the revenue from premiums, receipts, and investments totalled £213,879.

The half-yearly meeting of the shareholders of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company was held this afternoon. The chairman (Mr. D. E. M'Bride) stated that the profits for the half-year were £152,944, out of which £144,000 was paid in dividends. The report was adopted.

SOUTH AUSTRALIA.

THE REVENUE.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The returns of the revenue and expenditure for the quarter ended December were published to-day. They show, in comparison with the corresponding three months of last year, an increase in the revenue of £38,140, and an increase in the expenditure of £28,590; thus the net comparative gain for the period was £9550.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The Governor on his return to-day was asked if the appointment of Chief Justice Way to the Privy Council carried with it a seat on the Judicial Committee of that body. Sir Fowell Buxton replied, "Oh, yes; that is what is understood."

Mr. Magarey has telegraphed to Mr. Hodgson, manager of Braeside Station, approving of his suggestion in connection with the missing members of the Calvert expedition. Mr. Hodgson has expressed strong hopes that the missing men are alive.

The forty-third annual meeting of the Adelaide Steamship Company was held to-day. Mr. J. Harvey, chairman of directors, who presided, announced that the board had declared a dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. for the half-year and a bonus of 2 per cent., making together a payment of 6 per cent., payable after that meeting. There was an improved condition in the shipping industry, and one almost entirely new development was the Western Australian goldfields. It was hardly anticipated that the present volume of trade would be maintained, especially as regarded passengers. The report was adopted.

All the men in the railway workshops at Islington will be working full time from 1st February. It is four years since all the men were fully employed.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

A MURDEROUS ATTACK.

PERTH, Thursday.

At Lawler's on Monday week a man who had paid attentions to Miss Sylvester, and who was rejected by her, attempted to cut her throat. Her screams attracted two men, who went to help her. The man was secured, but managed to break away, and is now at large. Miss Sylvester was frightfully wounded.

BUILDING TRADE DISPUTE.

PERTH, Thursday.

The dispute in the building trade continues. The contractors have formed a defence association, and intend to resist the demands of the carpenters, joiners, plasterers, masons, and labourers for increased wages. The men are asking from 11s to 13s per day, but the employers will only increase the wages up to 12s, according to the class of labour. The defence association intends to obtain labour from the eastern colonies.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Acting Surveyor-General has received a telegram from Mr. Herbert Hodgson, manager of Braeside station, stating that he had received instructions from Mr. Magarey to organise a horse party to search for the missing members of the Calvert expedition. Mr. Connaughton, the leader, with Mr. Henty and a black boy, were to start from Braeside yesterday afternoon.

A fatal boating accident occurred at Geraldton yesterday. Mr. Edward Lawson went out boating in the harbour with a little boy named Lawrence. The boat capsized a mile from the shore. Mr Lawson made a gallant attempt to save the lad. Mr. Mowatt, a crack oarsman, pulled off from the shore and arrived in time to save Lawrence, but Mr. Lawson was drowned. Mr. Lawson leaves a widow and family in Sydney.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

Samuel Brakenshire, a miner, has been killed by an explosion in the Lake View South mine. Two shots had been fired, and Brakenshire started to work in the face. An explosion occurred, and he was fatally injured.

NEW ZEALAND.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

At the annual meeting to-day of the New Zealand Accident Insurance Company a report recommending a dividend of 4½d per share was adopted.

Fisher and Co.'s Famous "Kola Nut Tonic."—The great "Pick-me-up." Makes you eat. All hotels, with soda-water, 6d glass.—[ADVT.]

QUEENSLAND.

THE TICK PLAGUE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

As was the case during the corresponding period of last year the ordinary scrub ticks are very numerous in many districts. Therefore, there is some excuse for alarm on the part of stockowners south of the quarantine line who have had no experience of the cattle tick. The inspector at Barcaldine reports that the district is swarming with scrub ticks. Last week a kangaroo was shot with over 400 on it, but there are no cattle ticks in the district. The inspector in the Warrego district reports that the ordinary tick is present in unusual numbers in the district, causing considerable uneasiness and attacking cattle in large numbers. The Gladstone inspector has forwarded specimens of the tick taken from a horse, which was supposed to be cattle tick, but which Mr. Pound had no difficulty in identifying as the ordinary scrub tick.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

With reference to the proposal to lay a cable from Thursday Island to New Guinea, which is occupying the attention of people in the North, the Postmaster-General doubts very much whether such a cable would pay interest on the outlay for a very considerable time.

The schooner Mary Wadley, which arrived from Hobart on Tuesday with a cargo of timber for the International Exhibition, met with a severe gale when about four days out. The deck cargo, comprising between 6000ft. and 7000ft. of timber was lost, part being washed overboard, and part jettisoned.

The Railway Commissioner has decided to alter the construction of the Broadmount Wharf at Rockhampton, involving an extra expenditure of £10,000.

An appeal to the citizens of Brisbane for assistance towards the Indian famine relief fund is being made through the Mayor.

NEWCASTLE.

THE FEDERAL MOVEMENT.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The first meeting of the committee of the recently-formed Newcastle and District Federal League was held in the Town Hall last night. The Mayor of Newcastle, Alderman Smith, presided, and among those present were Alderman Moroney, Alderman Kidd, Dr. Nickson, Dr. Eames, Dr. Doyle, Messrs. T. D. O'Sullivan, J. R. Hall, G. Melville, Earp, R. Langer, and Chandler. It was mentioned that a telegram had been received by a member of the committee from Mr. M'Millan, stating that he would be glad to address a meeting next week if desired. After considerable discussion it was resolved to forward a circular invitation to intending candidates for the Convention to address public meetings in the Newcastle district, and the officers of the league were empowered pending the receipt of replies to the circular to make arrangements for a series of public meetings under the auspices of the league. The sum of £5 5s was collected in the room towards the expenses.

THE SCHOOL OF ARTS.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Newcastle School of Arts was held in the large hall of the institution last evening. The president, Mr. H. J. Brown, presided, and the attendance was very large. The annual report stated that the total number of members during the past year was 783, with an average quarterly membership of 537. There were 14,396 volumes in the library, and during the year 25,200 books had been issued, of which 17,276 were works of fiction. Several improvements and additions had been made to the buildings, and 15 lectures had been delivered. The balance-sheet showed a credit balance of £151. On the motion of the president, seconded by Mr. Logan, the report and balance-sheet were unanimously adopted.

CITY OF NEWCASTLE GAS COMPANY.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The sixty-first half-yearly meeting of the shareholders in the City of Newcastle Gas and Coke Company, Limited, was held at the offices, Newcastle West, yesterday. Mr. W. S. Lockhead, chairman of the board of directors, presided. The half-yearly report, which was published in the *Herald* of Monday last, was, on the motion of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Meikel, unanimously adopted. Satisfaction was expressed at the result of the half-year's transactions, the profits amounting to £2124. The chairman indicated a reduction in the price of gas within a few months. Mr. Joseph Wood, the retiring director, was re-elected, and Mr. E. A. M. Merewether was elected to fill the vacancy on the directorate caused by the death of Colonel Stokes. A dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, and a bonus of 1½ per cent. for the half-year, were paid at the conclusion of the meeting.

THE MARINE BOARD.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The weekly meeting of the Newcastle Marine Board was held at the office, at the Custom-house, yesterday. Captain Cross (president) occupied the chair. It was resolved to receive a deputation at the next meeting of the board from the Newcastle Chamber of Commerce in regard to the necessity for signalling moving vessels in the harbour.

THE HONORARY MAGISTRATES.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

A new feature in connection with the indignant attitude recently assumed by the honorary magistrates of the district, in consequence of the action of the Government in appointing stipendiary magistrates for Newcastle, has presented itself during the past few days. The Mayor of Newcastle, in his capacity as returning officer for the approaching municipal elections, had the greatest difficulty in obtaining the signature of a justice of the peace to the necessary statutory declaration. Each justice approached, including the town clerk, declined to affix his signature to the documents. The difficulty was eventually surmounted by a justice signing the declaration as a personal favour to the Mayor.

THE INDIAN FAMINE.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The Mayor of Newcastle has received a cablegram from Sir Francis M. M'Lean, Chief Justice of Bengal and chairman of the Indian Famine Relief Fund Committee, asking for co-operation in the relief of the distress in India. The Mayor has expressed his willingness to receive contributions towards the fund.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Wallsend District Mining Hospital was held last evening in the Mechanics' Institute, Plattsburg. The report showed that the number of patients admitted during the period under review totalled 181. The rate of mortality had been 6·74. The total cost of maintenance was £898. No less than 127 operations had been performed. The balance-sheet showed that the income amounted to £1169, and the expenditure to £1182. There was a balance of £390 to the credit of the institution. The report and balance-sheet were adopted. Mr. A. Ross was elected president, and Mr. Adam Cook vice-president.

A Bankruptcy Court was held in the Newcastle Courthouse to-day, before Mr. F. G. Adrian, deputy registrar. Single meetings were held in the following estates:—Thomas Fenwick, Adamstown; James Symonds, North Waratah; Richard Holmes, Stockton; William Davis, Hamilton; George Richardson, Merewether; Daniel Kiely, Wickham; John Parry, Carrington.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

The following gentlemen were elected at the annual meeting of the above society, held yesterday:—President: Mr. John See, M.L.A. (unopposed). Vice-presidents: Messrs. Brunker, M.L.A., S. Burdekin, V. J. Dowling, I. E. Ives, G. Loder, G. H. Cox, Captain Bloomfield, P. Charley, T. H. Hassall, G. H. Reid, S. Hordern, E. Terry, J. L. Thompson, J. H. Carruthers, J. Martin. Council: Messrs. H. Pateson, E. Denham, J. G. Dight, J. H. Sullivan, F. A. Mackenzie, J. D. Single, J. T. Wilshire, R. H. Judd, A. H. M'Arthur, Walter Douglas, F. B. Winchcombe, Chas. R. Howard. Hon. treasurer: Mr. J. Frederick Harvey, unopposed.

LATE MINING.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

To-day's Brisbane Exchange Sales:—South Great Eastern, 1s 4d, 1s 4½d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 29s; M'Clay's Welcome, paid, 2s 6d.

Queensland Exchange sales:—No. 1 South Great Eastern, 1s 3d; No. 2 North New Zealand, 4d, 3½d, 4d, 3½d; Wilmot Extended, 4s 9d, 4s 10d; Glenorchy, contributing, 1½d; M'Clay's Welcome, contributing, 1s 6d; No. 7 South Lady Mary, 1s 5d, 1s 6d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

To-day's sales:—Brilliant Extended, paid, 10s 5d; Millican's Caledonia, 7d; Moonstone Extended, 1s 3d.

LATE SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.—January 28.

Tomki (s.), 368 tons, Captain H. Jackson, from Richmond River 27th January. Passengers—Mesdames Caffy, Taylor, Hall, Collard, and Phillips, Misses Phillips, Trevener, Van Epen, Maurer, Pearson, Piper, Boulan, Squires, Messrs. Dr. On Lee, [illegible], King, Bramble, M'Mahon, Vedlar, Masters Van Epen, Parker, Daley, Squires, and 4 in the steerage. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

PORT PIRIE.—Arrivals: January 27, John Ena, barque, from Puget Sound. January 28, Dovetail (s.), from Newcastle. Departures: January 28, Cape York, ship, for Newcastle; Strathavon (s.), for Sydney.

ADELAIDE.—Arrivals: January 28, John Lewis, ketch, from Ulverston; Loch Torridon, barque, from Glasgow; Gulf of Lions (s.), from Liverpool.

CEYLON GOLDEN TIPS, the finest Tea obtainable, exceptional value at 2s 3d, 1s 9d, 1s 6d, 1s 2d per lb. E. H. Harris & Co., Teamen, 21 Strand.—[ADVT.]

FEDERAL MOVEMENT.

THE FEDERAL COUNCIL.

THE CONTROL OF THE NEW HEBRIDES.

MELBOURNE THE NEXT PLACE OF MEETING.

PROPOSED BROADENING OF THE COUNCIL.

HOBART, Thursday.

The Federal Council resumed to-day, Sir John Forrest presiding. Sir George Turner moved,—"That having regard to the importance to British traders in the New Hebrides of the resolution passed by the Council on 22nd January, 1891, the Council now appoint a select committee to draw up a further address to the Queen on the subject matter of such resolution." He explained that for many years British traders had been prohibited selling firearms, ammunition, and liquors to the natives of the Hebrides, but similar restrictions were not placed on those of France and other nations. The resolution passed in 1891 urged the Imperial Government to renew negotiations with the other Powers with a view of having the restrictions applied to the subjects of all nationalities. For all the century our missionaries had been endeavouring to civilise the natives of the Hebrides, and many lives had been lost and a large amount of money expended in that work. The natives were in sympathy with British persons carrying on trade with the islands, but owing to the restrictions placed on English traders they were greatly hampered without any corresponding advantage being afforded to natives, who would and did buy guns and intoxicating liquors from French and German traders. This created great heartburnings, and caused some British citizens to become naturalised French subjects to be better able to compete with the more favoured French traders. The object of the restriction was undoubtedly a good one for the welfare of the natives, but to be beneficial it must be universal, and not only applicable to Britishers. The colonies had always protested against the annexation of the Hebrides by France, and anything which gave that nation extra influence in the islands was detrimental to the interests of Australia. In a matter of such importance the Council could not afford to remain idle, especially as the conflict for supremacy in the Hebrides was still proceeding, and there was a danger of France annexing the islands if French interests and influence were extended. The time had now arrived when the restrictions should be applied universally or abolished. He preferred to see the prohibition of selling firearms and liquor extended, but if that was impossible then the only alternative was to rescind the restriction so as to preserve British trade and influence in the Hebrides. Every possible step should be taken to prevent France obtaining undue influence in the islands, as it would certainly result in that country gaining the sovereignty over the Hebrides. Nothing had been done by the British authorities respecting the resolution passed by the Council in 1891, but it was time some definite step was taken to place English and Australian traders on an equality with those of France in the Hebrides.

Sir Hugh Nelson seconded the motion. He stated that the dual control of the Hebrides by a commission of British and French naval commandants was unsatisfactory, and there never would be any satisfaction till it was done away with. (Cheers.) It worked badly and always would. Neither from a productive aspect nor from a strategical point of view (seeing that France already possessed New Caledonia) were the Hebrides important. Therefore he thought it would be better if France were given full control of the islands under certain conditions rather than that these troubles should arise year after year. One condition would have to be free ingress for British subjects, and that our trade should be untrammelled. While seconding the motion he thought the French Government would insist on carrying out its policy, but at the same time the duty of the Council was to lay the whole matter before the Imperial Government without dictating any course of action, in the hope that the home authorities would find a remedy for the hardship British traders had endured.

Sir Henry Wrixon expressed surprise at the contemplation of the Premier of Queensland of the Hebrides falling under the sole control of France. Such a step would be most disastrous to Australia, because, in addition to the loss of British influence and trade, there would be a grave danger of those islands being used as a permanent convict establishment, seeing that New Caledonia was becoming too cramped. These colonies had always protested against the villany of European nations being dumped down near our coast.

Sir Hugh Nelson: That would be provided against in treaty.

Sir Henry Wrixon: If France gained sole control of the New Hebrides the treaty would speedily be disregarded, British trade would be hampered and discouraged, and the Hebrides would be used as a convict overflow for New Caledonia. That was a vital aspect of the question for the consideration of Australia. No doubt at present the dual control was unsatisfactory, but he preferred it to sole control by France. It would be an outrage to allow the Hebrides to become the outlet for the villainy of France.

Mr. T. J. Byrnes said his colleague's remarks did not altogether bear the interpretation put on them by the last speaker. (Sir Hugh Nelson: "Hear, hear.") All the Premier of Queensland had said was that the dual control was unsatisfactory, and if a better bargain could be made under a treaty, which would be expected, he would not object to France having full control of the islands. The conviction alluded to was a bogey, as France had discontinued sending prisoners to Caledonia, and had no intention of transporting any more convicts there. While he supported the motion, he considered the colonies should not altogether shut their eyes to the possibility of a satisfactory solution of existing troubles in the manner mentioned by Sir Hugh Nelson. If we could make a more advantageous bargain by giving up the present shadowy dual control to France we should not be altogether blind to it, especially as it might be a distinct advantage to British settlers and traders in the Hebrides.

Sir John M'Intyre pointed out that it would be a great pity if the impression went abroad that the Premier of Queensland was apathetic to British control of the Hebrides. If there was to be a single control it should be exercised by Britain, not France. (Cheers.) The present control was unsatisfactory, but it would be a thousand times more unsatisfactory if France had sole power over the islands.

Sir Hugh Nelson: Not necessarily.

Mr. T. J. Byrnes: The residents of the Hebrides would rather have one control.

Sir John M'Intyre: No such feeling as expressed by the Premier of Queensland should exist in the Council. He felt there was no chance of France placing similar restrictions on her traders, therefore the address should clearly set forth that if there was no prospect of this regulation which British traders had to observe being enforced on all traders it should be annulled.

Mr. Dickson (Queensland) considered that Sir Hugh Nelson had been misunderstood, as he had merely placed before the Council an alternative which might ensue in a remote contingency, which should not be lost sight of in the present discussion. On the principle that half a loaf was better than no bread, he should adhere to the joint control. At the same time he should be careful not to go the length of insisting on Britain adopting the Monroe doctrine so far as the islands of the Pacific were concerned, as it might involve the mother country in European complications. They must bear in mind that the restrictions were of our own creation and were not inflicted by France. The answer of that country to our representations would probably be "remove your own self-denying ordinance." It was Utopian to think that France would place restrictions on her traders.

Mr. Douglas (Tasmania) remarked that other nations had as much right as Great Britain to colonise. Mr. Chamberlain had assured the colonies there was no cause for alarm of France annexing the Hebrides, and the Victorian Premier should therefore be satisfied.

Mr. Deakin feared that the casual but sensible business observation of Sir Hugh Nelson would be seized upon by those who desired that France should annex the Hebrides and a wrong construction put on them. It indicated a possibility of departure from the present *status quo*, and a weakness or indifference which would give our rivals encouragement to persevere in that object. He held the view that, since Sir Hugh Nelson never intended his remarks to be taken as an indication of a change of policy on the part of Queensland, he desired to make it clear that the Council repudiated any change of front on this question, and had no desire that the Hebrides should pass under the French flag.

Mr. Barlow (Queensland) stated that his colleague never said anything that would lead members to come to the conclusion that Sir Hugh Nelson would tamely submit to give up the Hebrides to France. His obvious aim was to secure a satisfactory solution of the present troubles, and not constantly trail the British flag in the dust for some nation to tread on.

The motion was then agreed to.

Sir Hugh Nelson moved,—"That the next meeting of the Council be held in Melbourne."

Sir Edward Braddon opposed the motion, stating that it would be inopportune to change the place of meeting, as it might arouse a feeling of jealousy in Sydney that Melbourne desired to be the federal capital, and so retard the present federal movement.

The motion was agreed to, the Tasmanian representatives alone dissenting.

Mr. T. J. Byrnes moved,—"That it is desirable that the laws of the Australian colonies relating to succession duties upon personal property should be assimilated, so that such property should be subjected to duty once only, and that in the colony where such property was situated, irrespective of the domicile of the deceased owner." The general opinion was expressed that the duty should only be levied once, but there was a difference as to whether it should be paid in the colony where the security was situated, or the one where the money was advanced and the mortgage executed.

Mr. Byrnes agreed to remit the latter part of the motion, and in this amended form it was carried.

A motion was moved by Mr. T. J. Byrnes,—"That it is desirable that the functions, powers, and authority of the Council should be strengthened by provision being made by the several colonies for placing it on an elective basis." He said he wished to remove the suspicion that Queensland desired to baulk the Federal Convention. The sole aim was to place the Council on a better basis by strengthening and broadening it. If the Council was to continue a Legislative Chamber for Australia it must be brought in closer touch with the electors, and should be moulded to suit the exigencies of the case. It was necessary the Council should be either ended or mended. He feared that federation on lines now favoured in New South Wales and Victoria would result in aggravating the centralisation, which had been in the past the curse of the large colonies. Queensland had avoided that centralisation, but as it would be embodied in the federal constitution it would be forced on her if she joined the movement. Federation was marriage without divorce. The present independent local centres were alarmed at this prospect of centralisation; therefore they were disinclined to enter into a bond of union from which there was not the slightest hope of escape. In Melbourne and Sydney the people had been encouraged to remain in the cities by the expenditure of loan moneys instead of living in the country and developing the natural resources. The objection to the large scheme of federation which the Convention would frame was that it would perpetrate these evils, mar the progress of the smaller colonies, as centralisation must throw them back. Queensland had been attacked for not being over anxious to enter the federal movement, but it was forgotten it was situated within the tropics, and if the policy expressed by the democrats of the southern colonies was enforced through the Federal Parliament, tropical Queensland would become a desert. Was that any inducement for entering on federation? It was convenient and cheap to talk against kanaka labour, but South Sea labourers had developed tropical Queensland. Yet they were told by the southern colonies that Queensland would have to abandon all that if it joined the union. It was the feeling of insecurity as to the conditions ultimately to be imposed on Queensland, which prevented its entering into the proposed federation. Their mission should be to develop the resources of the country. That would better be done by local centres than one large centre. Already the demand of the Sydney press was that the Senate must be elected on the proportion of population. This would place all power in the hands of New South Wales and Victoria, which could impose any conditions they chose on the smaller colonies once they entered on an indissoluble union. The southern colonies did not understand the requirements of a tropical country, and Queensland could not therefore expect consideration or sympathy where local conditions and circumstances were not understood. Federation should be brought about gradually, not by leaps, as suggested by Mr. Deakin in his bounding speech of the previous day. He believed the Convention would be a wild-goose chase.

Mr. Deakin said Mr. Byrnes' remarks indicated that the colonies were not drawing closer, as had been thought. He predicted that nine-tenths of the Commonwealth Bill would be adopted by the Convention, so there were no grounds for the apprehension of Queensland that State rights would be seriously encroached upon. If the Convention was a failure he would gladly support the motion in the next session of the Council, though the proposal of Mr. Byrnes was somewhat nebulous.

Mr. A. G. Clark stated that Tasmania would oppose the Senate being elected on the basis of population.

Mr. Barlow declared that Queensland would not be brought under the iron yoke of federation. Queensland was alarmed at the attempt of the democrats of New South Wales and Victoria to upset the equality of the States in the Senate. They could never unmake union, except in blood. He objected to federation of that sort. Protectionists would not be satisfied if freetrade was adopted. They would perhaps see their mistake in entering the union when too late to withdraw.

The discussion was adjourned till to-morrow.

CANDIDATES' ADDRESSES.

The federal campaign is now well under weigh. Most of the leading candidates have published their manifestoes, and speeches to the electors are the order of the day. Mr. Barton addressed the electors last night and Mr. R. E. O'Connor is to speak at Narrabri to-morrow evening. Other candidates, like Mr. Ashton, of Hay, and Mr. Millen, of Bourke, have been earlier in the field and have already spoken at several country centres. Probably in a week about 50 candidates will be making speeches in various parts of the colony, with the result—if no other—of educating the public mind on the subject of federation to a far greater extent than ever before.

Owing to the arrangement for the Convention election by which voters will be able to exercise the franchise at any polling booth they please, it is feared by many of the returning officers, especially in the city of Sydney, that there will be an exceptionally large vote polled at some of the convenient and central booths in the city, over and above the number on the rolls for those particular electorates. For instance, in one electorate in the city there are about 1800 electors on the roll, and it is not impossible that as many as 4000 votes may be recorded there. It will therefore be necessary to provide ample accommodation at such places.

A deputation waited upon Dr. Cullen, M.L.C., on Wednesday with an influentially signed nomination paper and requested him to stand as a candidate for the Federal Convention. It is understood that Dr. Cullen acceded to the request of the deputation, and that his address to the electors of New South Wales will be published on Saturday.

MR. E. BARTON AND MR. R. E. O'CONNOR AT GRANVILLE.

CRITICISM OF THE PRUDENTIAL PARTY.

THE BUSINESS OF THE CONVENTION.

THE ADVANTAGES OF FEDERATION.

The Federal Convention campaign, so far as the candidates are concerned, was opened at Granville last night, when addresses were delivered by Messrs. E. Barton and R. E. O'Connor. The speech of the evening was made by Mr. Barton, and Mr. O'Connor contented himself with touching briefly upon federal matters, it being his intention to formally address the electors in the country at the close of the week. A good deal of interest was taken in the meeting last night, and long before the proceedings were timed to commence the Albert Hall, in which the meeting was held, was crowded. A noticeable feature was the presence of a large number of ladies. The chair was taken by Mr. John Nobbs, the president of the local branch of the Australian Natives' Association. He was supported on the platform by a number of leading townspeople, and also by Messrs. T. Waddell, M.L.A., and E. Dowling, secretary of the Federation League.

The chairman briefly introduced Mr. Barton and Mr. O'Connor as "friends of federation" and "natives of the soil." The audience would gladly give them a fair and impartial hearing. (Applause.)

Mr. Barton (who was received with cheers) said that it was now more than a month since he accepted the invitation of the president of the local Australian Natives' Association to speak a few words upon federation at Granville. We were now one important step nearer to the attainment of the federal movement than we were a month since. The writ for the election in connection with the Convention had been passed in accordance with the Act of Parliament by four colonies, and the constitution which was to be framed by the Convention must come before the electors of the colony to be ratified or denounced by one popular vote. (Cheers.) The A.N.A. was, he well knew, in favour of a just federation between the various colonies. There had lately been a revival of the charge of undue haste. No more false charge was ever made. It was many years since Wentworth tried to have legislation passed enabling the colonies to federate if they wished, which showed that men's minds were turning towards union many years ago. But without pausing to touch on this matter he came to the year 1889, now more than seven years since, when Sir Henry Parkes opened up the subject in a public address at Tenterfield. From the time Sir Henry Parkes made the address, having put his hand to the plough, although some might find fault with the steps he took, still he remained in word and in design an ardent federationist. In 1890 a conference representing the various colonies met in Melbourne, and the result was the submission of various resolutions in favour of the meeting of a convention for the purpose of framing a federal constitution. That task was accomplished in 1891. He was one of those who had the extreme honour of participating in their labours. When the Convention of 1891 was mooted there were people crying out that the colonies wanted a little more time. They said the colonies were not yet ripe for federation. They said, "Give us five years' more time." But since Sir Henry Parkes first definitely mooted the subject more than seven years had elapsed. Since the Convention of 1891 framed the draft bill six years would have elapsed in a month or two. Were not those who cried out for five years satisfied yet? They had had more time than was asked for by all, excepting those who were opposed to the movement, who the previous night came forward as prudent federationists. Had there not been time for the discovery of new objections? The objections against federation were the same now, and the answers to them were the same as they were six years ago. What was asked of the people? Simply that they should elect their own delegates. Could anyone ask for more consideration than that? Could not the "prudent" party trust the people? On the other hand the federationists had during the last few years learned more and more of the essentials of federation, and they had endeavoured to make themselves acquainted with the purest form federal government known to a free people. Yet the prudent party called them inconsistent. They were not inconsistent, but he would admit that the prudent party had been consistent—there was a supreme consistency in doing nothing. (Applause.) But he wanted this colony to advance, and the best advance we could make would be shoulder to shoulder and hand-in-hand with the other colonies. The objectors had formed a party. They called it an Independent Patriotic League. How far it was independent it was difficult to see. He believed in the independence of men like Louis Heydon and Dr. MacLaurin, and if there was not some independence about the matter his friend Mr. Lucas would not be there. But why did they call themselves an independent and patriotic party, because, in his belief it was not Mr. Louis Heydon, Dr. MacLaurin nor Dr. Mackellar who were pulling the strings. Others had set them in motion in this way that they had taken advantage of the well-known objection of these gentlemen to federation. Those gentlemen, as every one knew, were thoroughly honest and estimable public men, and they were not to be blamed for coming forward and expressing their opinions, but he (Mr. Barton) shrewdly suspected that the independence which they had incorporated in their title might be the independence not of themselves, but of some persons who were advocating the cause of so-called patriotism, yet who had only just found out that New South Wales was their country. (Loud cheers.) Their attitude as "prudent federationists" was that of the old gentleman who, when suffering from an attack of the gout, termed himself a "prudent pedestrian." (Cheers and laughter.) There had been no more violent opponent of federation than Mr. L. F. Heydon—he spoke of that gentleman with all respect—but he had always been opposed to everything that did not mean for New South Wales as against the other colonies "heads I win; tails you lose." He was consequently always opposed to federation. The objection of these prudentists was that the territory of New South Wales was going to be filched from her and that she would be left as a nude and scarred creature thrown on the wayside by a number of violent marauders, and left there like the man who fell amongst thieves. The whole attitude of these gentlemen seemed to spring from a suspicion or belief that the inhabitants of other countries—who sprang from the same race as they did themselves, and whose fathers might, perhaps, have come from the same villages or cities of the old country—(Cheers)—who had appeared to be respectable and well-behaved when they were apart, would when they came together become thieves. These gentlemen—whom he would designate as the "Geebung" party—seemed to believe that when New South Wales joined in a federation she would be torn limb from limb. (Laughter.) If they cast their minds back to the bill of 1891—and he had objected to some of the points in it—was there at that Convention one sign from end to end of those proceedings of the intention of anyone to wreak any injustice upon New South Wales? (Voices: "No.") Was there any attempt to take any advantage in favour of themselves? Not one. (Hear, hear.) And if these people in the other colonies were conspirators as well as thieves, they must have been the most astute that ever lived, because they must have been 38 of them conspiring against New South Wales, and yet nothing was ever heard of it. (Cheers and laughter.) Was not such a suggestion too "steep" for even the most credulous to believe? They should look at these matters not like the gouty man who fancied that every passer-by was about to step upon his toes, but as business men who looked the question fairly in the face, and dealt with such matters fairly and upon reasonable lines. (Hear, hear.) The part of the representatives would be to assist in establishing deliberative and administrative machinery for the common good. And the power thus given would be effective with regard to questions that the separate colonies could not deal with effectively. It would enable the people of the colonies to become real "Australians" without usurping a name which at present could not actually be applied to them. (Hear, hear.) They would then be able to call themselves "Australians" by right as members of a free nation. (Loud cheers.) The man who was a representative of a colony at the Convention in such circumstances might expect to give some concessions; and, on the other hand, to receive a return for them from the other colonies—(hear, hear)—but what he would have to do was to see that the federation was just to his colony and also just to the others. If he asked for justice to his own colony, he should also be prepared to extend the same measure of fair dealing to every party to the federation. (Hear, hear.) So far as he (Mr. Barton) was concerned, if elected, he would go to the Convention with such regard for the Federal Constitution that while not belittling his own colony, he would be prepared to make concessions, and also to receive returns. (Cheers.) A federal constitution was, after all, a piece of machinery, and no more. The object in sending delegates to the Convention was to give a constitution to a free nation—(applause)—but if they tied down their delegates before the accomplishment of the objects of that Convention they would not become a free nation, for in thus imposing laws upon it they would take from it its undeniable power to frame a constitution for a free nation. (Applause.) The position of a true federationist could not be one of blind trust, for he should see in helping to frame a constitution that the terms were just and fair to all concerned. Take the question of the railways. It was a question on which the prudential federationists showed the greatest anguish. They were afraid of the other colonies who did not want to take their railways away from them, but to let them have them. They were not bound to the Convention Bill of 1891. They could vary its provisions as they chose. It was said that we should lose the Broken Hill trade, as if South Australia had not got it already. Then we should loose the Riverina trade—which it was a moral certainty we should lose soon. There was a provision in the Convention Bill that not one jot of our land could be taken without our consent. No land had been taken away from the separate States in Canada or in the United States, or in Switzerland. Could we not trust history in such a matter as well as the express stipulation which would be put in any Federal Constitution Bill? It was stated that our railways would be taken away from us. How could that be? If the other colonies did not do us justice the people could reject the bill, so that no risk need be run in the matter. Let them not misunderstand him, because at present he was not inclined to say that the States should hand over the railways to the federation. (Hear, hear.) The wildest proposal that could be made with regard to our railways was that we should get full value for them. In the Convention bill there was no provision that we should surrender our railways, although there were clauses dealing with differential rates, which some lawyers said prohibited and some said permitted such rates. But why should we be suspicious of our fellow-colonists? Why should every man in New South Wales regard the citizens of Victoria and South Australia as thieves and vagabonds? He desired to say a few words as to Queensland and Western Australia. The Premier went to Queensland to confer with the Government on the subject, having learned that his visit would be acceptable and welcome. He was led to believe that something would be done in the matter, and it was only after he had passed out of the Queensland territory that he heard to the contrary. They might have told him that in Sydney, or at least in Brisbane. But what had been done had not been done by the people of Queensland, but by her politicians, and at the right time he believed that the people of both southern and northern Queensland would come in, as he knew they were favourable to federation. Black labour was set up as the bugbear, but he knew that people who happened to have black labour located amongst them were willing to enter into federation. This opposition to the Convention was not, he believed, the true sentiment of Queensland, and he believed that ere the second sitting of the Convention Queensland would come in. As to Western Australia, he did not feel so much concerned, as the separation in time and distance was so great that it might be very difficult to secure to that colony all the advantages of a federation. But she was gradually progressing, and was being peopled by men from the eastern colonies, and he thought a time would come ere long when she would find it to her interest to come in too, and she would be cordially welcomed. (Hear, hear.) As to Queensland, he firmly believed she would speedily find that her interest was that of the four other colonies, and would join with them as finding it necessary that she should do so. It was, he thought, a matter for regret that Sir Samuel Griffith, who had at times been much villified, was not now Premier of that colony. Had he held that position he (Mr. Barton) was satisfied that Queensland would not now be standing out from the convention but would have been represented at it. Sir Samuel Griffith's present position as Chief Justice of Queensland precluded the Convention from having the assistance he could have so well given, for it appeared to him (Mr. Barton) that at the Convention of 1891 Sir Samuel Griffith's intellect was supreme. (Cheers.) It was obvious that in such a federation as that proposed there must be something of give and take. The position of those who posed as federationists, and yet opposed it, was this—that they would only have some kind of federation which did not mean federation at all. The essence of a federation, whatever powers were given it, must be strong, and he would be no party to any scheme which could be kicked from pillar to post and could never possess any national power. They wanted a federal power which could administer and enforce the laws and raise the revenues necessary for various operations without having them doled out by the different colonies or States. A strong federation must be representative and have power to carry on these works, and could not be a weak, nerveless thing. If they were to look for defence and strong government they should have a true federation, or else they should remain in the loose, disjointed condition that they were in at present. (Cheers.) As to the conditions of federation, the provincial governments must also be supreme in the matters which were left to them. The Federal Government would have no power to infringe upon the rights of the States, which would deal with the question of lands and education and other matters requiring local knowledge. Look down the list of subjects proposed to be given to the Federal Government, and not one of them formed the subject of a matter that had ever caused a dissolution. The local governments would therefore still be strong and responsible governments. The Premier had said something about the size of the Federal Parliament. The Premier thought the number too many. The Federal Parliament would not necessarily be too large. It must be equal to the local Parliaments, but he agreed that the numbers of our local Parliaments had grown too large, and it would be better if they were reduced. New South Wales could get along with 80 or 90 members instead of 125. It was by that means that economy could be best achieved. Still, he would not mind a Federal Parliament of 70 or 80 members if the local Parliaments were reduced in proportion. The legislative machine certainly worked more smoothly when it had less members. Regarding the federal capital, he did not think that the Convention was the place to fix the capital in. The Federal Parliament must have the right to choose the capital for itself. It would be able to do so justly and properly. He did not think that the question of a capital was of so great importance as was thought by many. Washington, the capital of the United States, had not become superior to New York, which was the real capital of the country. Such a destiny could be predicted for Sydney. (Hear, hear.) The place where the coal and the iron existed would be the home of the manufactory for the rest of the colonies. With her many advantages population must thicken, and this must be the natural centre of Australia. The opponents of the movement looked at everything with provincial eyes, and could not picture to themselves what New South Wales would be after federation. All we wanted was justice, and New South Wales would be the leading city of the country. Regarding prudent federation, was it not prudent on their part to see that the Convention which was about to meet was composed of the ablest minds who understood the question? They should take the golden opportunity that lay before them, and select the best men they could find to represent them. It was the bounden duty of the electors to choose the ablest men who understood the question as their representatives, no matter what their other political principles might be. The electors should see that their representatives were men of intelligence, integrity, and knowledge of the questions affecting federation. If the representation in the Senate was proportional to population, the result would be to convert the federation into a condition approaching nothingness. A true federation was based upon the principle of equal justice. He believed that it would be a fairer thing that the Senate representatives should be on a basis of equal rights. The whole thing would work out upon a reasonable system of compromises between the two Houses. He believed it would be better to leave the railway problem alone at present and allow it to stand over until it was settled by the Federal Parliament, and then, if the various

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colonies could not assent to an arrangement, they could retain their railways, and he was inclined to support that proposition. As to the consolidation of the debts, he was not prepared to recommend that these debts should be taken over as part of the federation. If all the colonies passed a law on the matter then the debts might be consolidated upon certain terms. Until the railways were taken over they had better leave the debts alone. They should touch neither railways nor debts without the consent of all the colonies. He agreed with the proposal made by Mr. M'Millan for the division of the surplus revenue of the colonies. He did not desire to federate at any price; but he believed that federation was the best thing that could befall these colonies. There were many reasons why the colonies should federate. Our financial position would be greatly improved, and we should gain in many other ways. He was not a hot-headed enthusiast in federation. Let them be cautious now; but when they saw that they could negotiate with the other colonies and obtain fairness and justice, let them be enthusiastic. (Applause.)

The Hon. R. E. O'Connor, who was received with cheers also addressed the meeting. He said that it was absolutely necessary that the people of New South Wales should now carefully consider the position in which this colony was placed with regard to the Federal Convention. In his opinion the colony was bound to go into this Convention; and whether the people were in favour of federation or not, or whether they were enthusiastic or not, New South Wales could not trifle with the other colonies in this matter. The only business now before the people of New South Wales was that they should choose the best possible men to represent them at the Convention. (Cheers, and a voice: "You're one.") Mr. O'Connor then referred to the lecture given on the previous evening by Mr. Heydon at the Protestant Hall, Sydney. He said that whilst he welcomed discussion on the subject of federation, he would very much rather have seen and heard something of the objections offered at an earlier stage of the movement. At the same time he did not see why they should call themselves federationists at all, as the mode of federation they proposed was not real federation, but rather the negation of it. It would have been very much better if they had at once said that they were opposed to it. But at the same time he maintained that the right time for the consideration of the form of federation to be adopted was when the Constitution came back from the Convention. (Applause.) Until then these gentlemen would achieve no good result by throwing cold water upon the federal movement, by preventing the interest in the question which was necessary to secure a thoroughly representative body of men in the Convention. (Cheers.)

The proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mr. Barton and to Mr. O'Connor for their addresses, and to the chairman for presiding.

QUEENSLAND AND THE CONVENTION.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Just before the Premier, Sir George Turner, left for Hobart, Mr. Cook, M.L.A., presented him with a suggestion emanating from Queensland to the effect that those in that colony who disapproved of the action of their Parliament in refusing to pass the Federal Enabling Bill should be represented informally at the Convention. Sir George Turner promised to consider the suggestion, and to-day forwarded the following telegram to Mr. Cook:—"Have considered the question of informal representation, but cannot approve; I consider it unwise and impracticable."

NARRABRI, Thursday.

Mr. R. E. O'Connor is advertised to speak here on Saturday night. The Mayor of Narrabri, Mr. J. J. Piper, has consented to take the chair. The residents of the district intend to give him a banquet on Saturday evening in the School of Arts.

THE WARRNAMBOOL CHESS CONGRESS

(BY OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

WARRNAMBOOL, Thursday.

As stated in my wire of yesterday, to-day has been an off-day.

The draws for to-morrow in the Championship Tourney are:—Christensen v. Tombleson, Hodgson v. Heaver, Baynes v. Crane, Stanley v. Wilson.

Wilson feels the strain of match play and talks of retiring. It is to be hoped, however, that he will see his way to completing his games.

The results to date are:—

Baynes lost to Hodgson and Stanley (0-2), Christenson lost to Crane and drew with Heaver (0-1), Crane beat Christenson and Hodgson (2-0), Hodgson beat Baynes and lost to Crane (1-1), Heaver drew with Christenson and Wilson (—), Stanley beat Baynes and drew with Tombleson (1-0), Tombleson drew with Stanley and lost to Wilson (0-1), Wilson beat Tombleson and drew with Heaver (1-0).

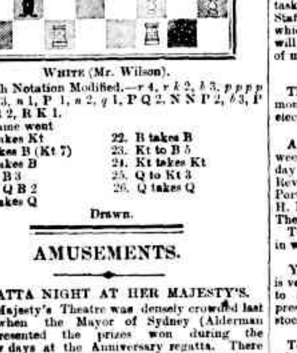
The first drawn game, according to the conditions, does not count, and is therefore neglected in the total.

The Minor Tourney is causing considerable interest. The prizes are:—First, £10; second, £5; third, £2; fourth, £1; and the list closed with 10 entries. The results to date are:—Alston beat Stanley, jun., and Healey, Fuller beat Howard and Stone, Macdonald beat Witcher, Tombleson beat Macdonald and drew with Stone, Commons beat Witcher.

WILSON v. HEAVER.

We give the interesting position after Black's 21st move. The number of pieces *en prise* is a little bewildering, to say the least of it.

BLACK (Mr. Heaver).



WHITE (Mr. Wilson).

Forsyth Notation Modified.—*r* 4, *r k* 2, *b* 3, *p p p p p p* 9, B 3, *n* 1, P 1, *n* 2, *q* 1, P Q 2, N N P 2, *b* 3, P 1, P 2, R 2, R K 1.

The game went

22. Kt takes Kt	22. B takes B
23. Q takes B (Kt 7)	23. Kt to B 5
24. Kt takes B	24. Kt takes Kt
25. P to B 3	25. Q to Kt 3
26. Q to Q B 2	26. Q takes Q
27. Kt takes Q	

Drawn.

AMUSEMENTS.

REGATTA NIGHT AT HER MAJESTY'S.

Her Majesty's Theatre was densely crowded last night, when the Mayor of Sydney (Alderman Ives) presented the prizes won during the past few days at the Anniversary regatta. There was a strong contingent of boating men in the dress circle, who enlivened the proceedings by well-directed volleys of cheers whenever a favourite name was mentioned. The Mayor appeared on the stage with a score of representative yachtsmen, including the Hon. W. R. Campbell, M.L.C. (treasurer of the regatta committee), Mr. S. Hordern (commodore Prince Alfred Yacht Club), Mr. W. H. Palmer (judge in the rowing contests), Mr. W. J. Weatherall (secretary, Queensland Yacht Club), Mr. F. J. Donovan (commodore, Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club), and Messrs. P. H. Sullivan, A. Jewett, A. Spain, J. H. Harris, G. Hellings, E. Falk, K. Gilfinan, and W. T. Woods and W. C. Shipway (hon. secretaries). Before presenting the prizes, the Mayor commented upon the altogether shipshape nature of the performance, in which, in spite of the troops of people employed, everything was in place, whilst all was briskly and brightly carried out. He thought the thanks of the whole audience were due to the artists on the stage and to the management generally. (Cheers.) As regards the sailing matches, he was sure they were all delighted to note the success which had attended the third intercolonial regatta, in which the gentlemen from the other colony had joined in fraternal rivalry. (Loud cheers.)

Mr. Shipway then called forward the prize-winners in the following order:—22-foot intercolonial challenge race, first prize, The Bulletin, Queensland, owned and sailed by J. H. Whereat; second prize, Vigilant, New South Wales, owned by a Balmain syndicate, sailed by W. Read; third prize, The Gladys, New South Wales, owned by W. F. Wade, sailed by T. Colebrook. 18-foot intercolonial Challenge Race, first prize Thalia, owned by E. G. Abraham, sailed by W. Read; second prize, Yvonne, owned and sailed by W. Golding; third prize, Muriel, owned by J. Hubbard, sailed by G. Holmes, jun. The Intercolonial 18ft. Championship (sailed yesterday under the auspices of the Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club), first prize, The Rosamond, New South Wales, owned by R. Stephens, sailed by C. Webb; second prize, Britannia, Queensland, owned by H. Anderson, sailed by A. Erle. Each competitor as he came forward was greeted with ringing cheers, and the proceedings closed with three cheers for Mr. C. B. Westmacott.

The performance to-night, which will be the last of the pantomime season, will begin at 7 o'clock, to suit juvenile visitors.

CONCERT AT NORTH SYDNEY.

At the North Sydney School of Arts on Wednesday night a successful concert was held in aid of the organ fund of St. Mary's (R.C.) Church, Ridge-street. The attendance was large. The first portion of the programme was devoted to parts of Rossini's oratorio, "Stabat Mater," in which the principal parts were taken by Miss Mildred Birch (soprano), Madame Du Rieu (contralto), Mr. Percy Shannon (tenor), and Mr. J. Collins (bass). The second portion of the programme consisted of vocal and instrumental numbers and choruses by the pupils of St. Ignatius' School (Chandos-street) and St. Francis Xavier's School (Lavender Bay), the other contributors being Mrs. Hensleigh, Mrs. Hahn, Misses Birch, Walters, Thurston, Shortal, N. Clifford, Sharp, Hogan, Mitchell, and M'Charey, Messrs. Percy Shannon, E. Finn, and Cannon. Mr. Raymond Hahn was the conductor, and Mr. C. Robinson was the accompanist.

NESTLE'S FOOD, for Infants, Children, and Invalids.—[ADVT.]

HELIDON SPA WATER, the only Natural Australian Effervescing Table Water, Tooth and Co., agents.—[ADVT.]

COUNTRY NEWS.

ESCAPE OF PRISONERS.

WILCANNIA, Thursday.

The prisoners Tabolo and Smith, who were arrested by the Milparinka police charged with having broken and entered a store at Yancannia station, and who, it transpired, were identical with the escapees from Moree Gaol, left here on Tuesday for Cobar in custody of the police. They escaped from the coach at an early hour this morning, when the coach was distant about 18 miles from Cobar. The police from Cobar and a black tracker are in search of the escapees. As the men are leg-ironed the police will probably quickly effect their arrest. The prisoners were charged originally with assault and robbery. The jury disagreeing, they were awaiting their second trial at Moree Gaol when they escaped. They were on their way to Moree to be tried again when they again effected their escape.

THE COAL TRADE.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

The only vessel that arrived at Wollongong to-day was the steamer Captain Cook, which loaded 230 tons coal and left for Sydney. The steamer Beeswing arrived at Port Kembla to load a cargo of coal for Melbourne. The total shipments from the district last week amounted to about 1000 tons.

THE RABBIT BILL.

BALRANALD, Thursday.

The Pastures and Stock Protection Board met here yesterday, and after a long discussion on the Rabbit Bill passed the following resolutions:—1. "That further legislation is not required, as owners have, since left to themselves, coped more successfully with the rabbits, and other legislation would only add expense without any corresponding benefit." 2. "That the stock boards should direct the destruction of rabbits on all lands, with the exception of municipalities and boroughs, which should be excised and erected into separate districts." 3. "That the present sheep districts should be the rabbit districts." 4. "That owners should be allowed to adopt such means as will effectually reduce rabbits." 5. "That the Minister for Lands should be placed on the same footing as a private owner, and commence the destruction of rabbits at the same time." 6. "That section 45, Part III., is objectionable, as an odd rabbit may always be found where the best efforts have been used for their destruction, and should not be held as *prima facie* evidence, and the board having power to place a man on the defaulters' holding should be sufficient penalty without a fine." It was resolved that copies of the foregoing resolutions should be printed and circulated among all the stock boards of the colony.

ACCIDENT TO A MAIL COACH.

MOLONG, Thursday.

A coach accident occurred at the Borenore railway station, about 12 miles from here, on Tuesday evening. It appears that the mail coach from Forbes had just arrived, and the driver was in the act of removing the mailbags from the vehicle when the horses took fright and bolted. They careered down the yard and on to the railway line, going in the direction of Molong. When about a quarter of a mile from Borenore station the coach capsized, and the horses freed themselves, but continued their career down the line, still being coupled together by the harness. They were brought to a stoppage after galloping along the line for about a mile by one of the animals partly falling through a culvert over which the line runs. The hind-quarters of the horse had fallen between the sleepers, and in its desperate struggle to release itself it gradually worked its way through the sleepers and fell to the ground, some 50ft. below, and broke its neck. The other horse was only slightly injured. The despatch of the Borenore-Forbes mail was not delayed through the accident.

BALLOT FOR LAND.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

A ballot was held yesterday for three homestead selections on the Perricoota pastoral holding, with the following results:—320 acres, 195 applicants, Henry Karston first, Frederick Sperling second; 305½ acres, 192 applicants, D. Elrington first, A. Marsh second; 298 acres, 193 applicants, J. Darcy first, William Arnor second.

SALE OF CROWN LANDS.

MURRUMBURRAH, Thursday.

At the courthouse yesterday 10 suburban Crown lots situated at Cunningar were offered by Mr. Dillon. All the lots were sold, several bringing 100 per cent. over the upset price. Two lots only were disposed of at the upset price. The sale realised £114.

SETTLEMENT LEASES.

WARIALDA, Thursday.

For the settlement leases on Coppymurrumbilla and Carbucky, available to-day, 64 applications were received. At the ballot the following proved successful:—Parish of Limebon: Lot 16, C. D. Stewart; lot 17, A. Rae; lot 19, J. Cosgrove; lot 22, T. M'Donald; lot 24, W. Killen; lot 27, T. Ryan; lots 28 and 5, A. W. Hasking. Parish of Boobera: Lots 22 and 25, W. Avery; lots 15 and 16, D. Dillon. The area alienated was 24,200 acres.

ALBURY QUARTER SESSIONS.

ALBURY, Thursday.

At the Quarter Sessions the following sentences were passed:—William Burke, horse-stealing, 18 months' hard labour; Stephen Ryan, assault, 12 months' hard labour; Patrick Conway, assault, six months' hard labour. Harold Petersen, charged with assault, was found guilty, and was remanded for sentence. Donald Burns and Rowland Ellis, charged with sheep-stealing, were acquitted.

A RUSH FOR LAND.

WARREN, Thursday.

Applications were received to-day at the local lands office for the Nevertire blocks. Altogether 188 applicants put in an appearance, and lodged between them 1338 applications. Very little provision had been made by the department to meet this rush, and the two agents employed had an arduous task to meet the demands made upon them. Mr. Stafford, the local agent, accepted bank cheques, which materially expedited business. The balloting will probably begin to-morrow evening, the quantity of marbles here being insufficient.

BALLINA, Thursday.

The Masonic Unity Lodge of Ballina held its monthly meeting last night, and the officers were elected for the ensuing year.

BOWRAL, Thursday.

A Christian convention has been conducted all the week in the School of Arts hall, meetings being held day and evening. The speakers have been the Revs. Allan Webb (chairman), R. Bavin, Dr. Porter, H. Martin, T. E. Clouston, W. Reavely, D. H. Dillon, Mrs. Davey, Miss Bavin, and Miss Bibb. The meetings have been largely attended.

To-day was beautifully cool. The district is badly in want of rain.

CARCOAR, Thursday.

Yesterday was hot but rather cloudy, and to-day is very clear and scorching. The hills around begin to assume a somewhat parched appearance. The present weather is considered very favourable for stock, especially for sheep.

CASSILIS, Thursday.

Tenders have been invited for the construction of a bridge over Borambil Creek, a dangerous crossing place between Cassilis and Merriwa. Much satisfaction is expressed at this.

CORAKI, Thursday.

To-day's heat was most oppressive, the thermometer registering over 100°. Rain is urgently required.

The body of the child Lowe, who was lost overboard from an excursion steamer near Broadwater on Anniversary Day, was recovered to-day.

COROWA, Thursday.

The large reduction in the wheat prices yesterday brought about the utter collapse of the market. No sales are now being made, and no deliveries are taking place except of previous purchases. South Australian buyers are moving wheat largely from stocks.

The judging in the district of the best-cultivated vineyards of over 20 acres in connection with the Corowa annual show competition was completed to-day. Mr. David B. Smith, of All Saints' Vineyard, Wahgunyah, was the judge instead of Professor Blunno, who was unable to act. Henry Moras, of Rhine Vineyard, was first; John Lang, of Midarro Vineyard, second; and Samuel M'William, of Sunnyside Vineyard, third.

CUDAL, Thursday.

The Anniversary Sports held here in aid of the Roman Catholic Church building fund were a financial success.

GLEN INNES, Wednesday.

The pony races on the showground on Tuesday were fairly well attended. The winners of the principal events were:—Opening Handicap, Mr. E. Richardson's Tarrigan; Anniversary Handicap, Co-operative Store's Jack; Publican's Purse, Mr. E. Richardson's Miss Perry; Hack Race, Mr. J. M'Shane's Firle.

The Presbyterian Sunday school picnic at Highfield was well attended.

GOODOOGA, Thursday.

The weather is very hot again. The temperature to-day reached 102° in the shade.

GRENFELL, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the School of Arts was held last night. The treasurer's statement showed a credit balance of £12 16s. The election of officers resulted thus:—President, Mr. E. J. Collins; vice-presidents, Messrs. A. G. Sinel and G. T. S. Boileau; hon. secretary, Mr. J. Taylor; treasurer, Mr. G. T. S. Boileau; committee, Messrs. Joseph Watts, C. Schweitzer, A. Smith, F. Crommelin, W. H. Parker, G. T. S. Boileau, A. G. Sinel, and J. H. M'Carthy.

HELENSBURGH, Thursday.

There have been 10 cases of typhoid in the township this month, but none have proved fatal.

KEMPSEY, Wednesday.

The regatta at Frederickton on Tuesday was witnessed by a large number of spectators. The Sailing Race was won by Mr. P. Knauer's Eclipse, with Mr. G. Verge's Vision second. The Handicap Skiff Race for all-comers was won by J. Rowe, with M. Jameson second. There were many other minor events.

LISMORE, Thursday.

Rous Sugar Mill completed the season's crushing to-day, having put through in round numbers 32,000 tons of cane. The recent hot weather improved the quality of the cane throughout the district.

MOUNT VICTORIA, Thursday.

Three bullock dray loads of black hickory, a variety of wattle bark, are being sent away from here to Bathurst.

NARRANDERA, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the subscribers to the Narrandera Benevolent Society was held last night in the council-chambers. There was a large attendance, and the Rev. Charles Eldred presided. The balance-sheet showed a credit in the bank of £42. The Government subsidy for the year was £68. The following office-bearers were elected:—President, Mrs. James Henshaw; treasurer, Mrs. H. M. Houlding; secretary, Mrs. E. J. Piddington.

NARRABRI, Thursday.

The Rev. T. E. Foxe, organising secretary of the bishopric endowment fund of the diocese, has collected £100 in the Inverell district. The fund now amounts to £6000. When the fund reaches £7000 the Society for the Propagation of Christian Knowledge will subscribe to it £2000, making the total amount required.

Nicholas Ritter, a well-known farmer, residing at Eulah Creek, appeared at the police court to-day to answer a charge of stealing a bullock from Tarriaro station. He was committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions on 1st March. Bail was allowed, self in £80 and one surety of £80.

The strike on the Moree line has been settled. A number of men have returned to work at the old rate.

Mr. M. D. Smythe, manager for Messrs. J. H. Geddes, Birt, and Co., lessees of the Narrabri Meat Works, is leaving the district to take charge of the Bowen Meat Works in Queensland.

NYMAGEE, Thursday.

The mining registrar's office has been closed during the week. The police, to whom the business was transferred, were away at the sessions. This caused inconvenience to the miners and the public.

General regret is expressed by all denominations at Father King resigning his charge at Nymagee. He declined a public presentation which the people intended to give him.

PARKES, Thursday.

Bush fires are raging in several parts of the district and a good deal of grass has been destroyed.

The result of the polling for the committee of the Nepean Cottage Hospital was as follows:—Messrs. A. Judges, R. Hamilton, W. C. Fulton, R. Mills, T. L. Dicker, H. Neale, Rev. J. Sherridan, T. R. Smith, T. O. Stenmark, W. Player, J. H. Smith.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

Mr. Philip Pooley died suddenly this morning. He was formerly a member of the coaching firms of Pooley Brothers and Pooley and Malone.

RICHMOND, Thursday.

Several hundred acres of grass in the paddocks of the Hawkesbury Agricultural College were destroyed by fire to-day. The fences were also damaged. The thermometer was 103° in the shade at the time of the outbreak.

The Mayor and aldermen of Windsor attended the Richmond Council meeting to-night at the invitation of Alderman Kelly (Mayor of Richmond) with a view of promoting the best interests of the boroughs.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Mechanics' Institute was largely attended. The balance-sheet showed a small credit. The elections resulted as follows:—Mr. I. M. Newman, president; Messrs. C. Regan and H. Stoddart, vice-presidents; Mr. A. J. Creagh, hon. secretary; Mr. J. Dennings, hon. treasurer; Messrs. Crocker, Napier, Newman, Shannon, Smith, Hughes, Tribe, Daniel, Pratt, and Nankervis, committee.

At the borough council meeting the question of employing day labour on the water supply works was discussed at length, and it was unanimously decided not only to agree to the Government's proposal to construct the service reservoir and gravitation pipe line by day labour, but to suggest to the department the advisability of adopting this plan for the whole of the works.

The operations of the gas company for the past half-year show a profit of £523 9s 2d. A dividend of 10 per cent. was declared.

The heat to-day has been terrific. The temperature in Peel-street was 100° in the shade.

TOMINGLEY, Thursday.

This morning, between 3 and 4 o'clock, M'Cudden's Royal Hotel narrowly escaped destruction by fire. Smoke was found to be issuing from the roof and front bar door of the hotel. The inmates were roused, and the fire was got under.

WAGGA, Thursday.

At a meeting of the Pastures and Stock Board yesterday a resolution was carried that, in view of the apparent increase of foxes in the district, the secretary should write to the stock boards contiguous to the Victorian border to ascertain what steps had been taken to prevent the spread of these animals.

At the sheep board meeting a resolution was carried,—"That the Wagga board enters a strong protest against the action of the Civil Service Board re the control of stock inspectors."

WALCHA, Thursday.

Kangaroo-shooters' sports were held here yesterday, including swimming races and other aquatic events. Percy Carr won Messrs. Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co.'s prize for shooting, and also won the £5 5s with five shots at the 200 yards range, getting 24 out of a possible 25 points. A social was held at night in aid of the R. C. Presbytery fund.

WALGETT, Thursday.

It was reported to the police last night that Mr. Frederick Doyle, of Bungle Gully, had committed suicide by taking poison. The deceased, who was about 60 years of age, and well liked, left a letter expressing his intention. The coroner and Dr. Cox went out this morning to hold an inquest.

WARIALDA, Thursday.

The weather is terribly hot and dry.

At the annual meeting of the School of Arts the balance-sheet showed a credit of £30 on the year's transactions.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The first annual general meeting of the Wellington Starr-Bowkett Building Society was held last evening. The retiring officers were re-elected.

The weather continues hot and dry, the temperature keeping at about 95°. Rain is wanted for the corn crops, which are beginning to droop.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

The contractor is making rapid progress in the erection of the lockup at East Wyalong.

The progress committee of East Wyalong is making application to the Lands Department to have a portion of the police paddock surveyed in acre blocks for residential purposes and sold by public auction as soon as possible.

WOLLONGONG, Thursday.

The difficulty between the municipal council and the Gas Company with reference to the cost of lighting the town continues, and the company has been instructed to discontinue the supply of gas to the town lamps after Saturday next. It is proposed to submit the matter to the ratepayers to ascertain whether they are willing that the lighting rate be increased.

YOUNG, Thursday.

The Burrangong District Hospital, Young, held its annual meeting last night. The report showed that 139 patients were admitted during the year. The average cost of the patients per annum was £70. The treasurer's report showed £1385 17s 7d as revenue for the year, and £701 3s 4d expenditure, and the committee now have a total fund of £1539 9s. Mr. James Gordon was re-elected president, and Mr. E. C. Towle vice-president.

BORE WATER FOR WOOL-WASHING.

In November last our Collarendabri correspondent, referring to wool-washing at Moongulla bore, reported that serious doubts were entertained as to the suitability of the bore water for wool-scouring, as it was feared it would have a damaging effect upon the wool. Mr. Roger Close has shown us reports from experts which show that so far from this being the case the wool washed at the bore has been very highly spoken of, and in one case actually realised a higher price than wool of the same clip washed elsewhere.

ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY OF N.S.W.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of New South Wales was held at Tattersall's-chambers, corner of Pitt and Castlereagh streets, yesterday afternoon. The chair was occupied by Mr. John See, M.L.A. There were also present:—The Mayor of Sydney (Alderman I. E. Ives), Captain Broomfield, Messrs. S. Burdekin, John Pope, J. E. Pemmell, W. J. Merriman, R. H. Judd, A. J. Gray, James Martin, W. Fraser Martin, E. I. Aiken, P. R. Russell, M. E. Maher, F. Webster (secretary), and others.

The annual report and balance-sheet were submitted. It was stated in the report that the revenue from all sources during the year had reached the unprecedented sum of £9547 8s 3d, which was almost wholly due to the support accorded to the last Easter carnival. The society commenced the financial year with a debit balance of £2886 8s 10d, and, after having expended in buildings and improvements of a permanent character, and in repairs, the sum of £3954 15s 11d, there was now a debit balance of £3576 13s 1d, a matter really for congratulation. At the Easter exhibition of 1896 the attendance was far in excess of all previous years. The exhibits were of greater variety, worth, and commercial significance than hitherto. The Board for Exports has set apart for the next show the sum of £280 for special prizes, to be apportioned amongst the following classes of stock and commodities for export:—Butter, poultry, wheat, barley, merino wethers, sheep (crossbred), merino lambs, crossbred lambs, bacon and hams, meat and soups, dried fruit, preserved fruit, rabbits and hares.

The Chairman moved the adoption of the report and balance-sheet. He congratulated the society upon its present condition of prosperity, and stated there was every indication that the forthcoming show would be a very excellent and successful one.

Mr. Fraser Martin seconded the motion.

Mr. James Martin said it was desirable that the accounts of the society should be closely watched. It appeared that there was not proper supervision over some of the items of expenditure. He referred to the amount of £71 for dies, medals, &c. The expenditure upon buildings was an important matter. As a member of the council he would look into the accounts more closely in the future.

Mr. James Ward said he was surprised to hear the remarks made by Mr. Martin. As vice-president of the society Mr. Martin should have looked closely into the management of the society in the past, and it was rather late in the day for Mr. Martin to say what future action he would take if re-elected.

Mr. W. Fraser Martin said he was also surprised at the remarks made by Mr. Martin.

The Chairman said he felt compelled to reply to the remarks of Mr. Martin. The accounts of the society had been thoroughly investigated and audited to the satisfaction of the whole of the officers. Mr. James Martin was the first to call for the audit and investigation of the accounts, but this would have taken place had he not moved in the matter at all. A sub-committee had been appointed, of which Mr. Martin was the chairman, and after a thorough investigation had been made the affairs of the society proved to be in a straight and proper condition, and the management was carried out in a businesslike manner. The references which had been made to the accounts by Mr. Martin were a reflection upon the remainder of the officers of the society.

The motion was carried unanimously.

NEWCASTLE-WALLSEND COAL COMPANY.

The half-yearly meeting of the above company was held yesterday morning at the rooms, Bridge-street. The chairman of directors, Mr. Peter Reid, presided. The report of the directors stated that owing to the strike business had fallen off during the past six months. Profits also had decreased in consequence of extra cost entailed by the new Coal Mines Act, which came into operation on the 1st October last. The works at the colliery, machinery, rolling stock, and railway, were in good working order. The retiring director was Mr. Peter Reid, who was the only candidate for the vacant seat. The balance-sheet showed that the profits for the half-year, after payment of mining and shipping expenses, salaries, &c., and making provision for depreciation, were £7382 1s 5d. The balance carried over from last half-year was £411 14s 11d, making a total of £7793 16s 4d. It was recommended that £7500 of this should be devoted to payment of 15s per share, leaving a balance at profit and loss of £293 16s 4d.

On the motion of Mr. Reid, seconded by Mr. J. T. Wilshire, the report and balance-sheet were adopted.

Mr. Peter Reid was re-elected chairman of directors. Mr. J. C. Taylor and Mr. T. B. Frith were appointed auditors.

A vote of thanks to the directors and officers of the company closed the meeting.

SOUTHERN RIFLE ASSOCIATION MEETING.

MOSS VALE, Wednesday.

The annual meeting of the Southern Rifle Association was continued yesterday, and the weather was again distinctly detrimental to anything like good shooting. A warm wind was blowing in gusts across the range all day. In carrying out the meeting the same officials are engaged as in previous years, Staff-officer Tideswell being in charge, and Messrs. G. Gissing and H. G. Lambert acting as secretary and treasurer respectively. During the afternoon Major-General French, accompanied by the Hon. H. E. Kater, M.L.C., drove on to the ground, and was received by Messrs. L. Samuel, D. Clifford, C. S. Taylor, E. Goodridge, J. S. Ponder (members of the council), and the secretary and treasurer. After visiting the firing point, and watching the competitions proceeding, the General was invited to the official tent to take refreshments, where representatives of the various rifle clubs and associations were waiting. The Hon. E. Kater proposed the toast of the health of Major-General French, stating how pleased the association was at receiving a visit which they looked upon as an honour to the district, seeing how many multifarious duties the General had to perform. The toast was cordially received. The Major-General replied, assuring those present that he was very pleased to receive the invitation to attend, and he considered it part of his duties to encourage rifle association meetings. With reference to some complaints re ammunition, it must be understood that solid drawn cartridges would be the ammunition of the future. Other makes were now a thing of the past. While regretting the weather had proved so boisterous, he did not look upon this as serious, for riflemen must expect to put up with all varieties of weather when required. The Major-General concluded by proposing the health of the president, the Hon. H. E. Kater, and congratulated the association on having at its head a gentleman of such prominence. Mr. Kater replied. The following are the results of matches shot to-day:—

Wingecarribee, 10 shots at 600 yards, 5 shots at 700 yards.—J. J. Mathieson (St. Leonards), 39, 17, £6; Mr. Byron (Wollongong), 40, 15, £5; J. West (Sydney), 41, 12, £4; G. Gissing (Moss Vale), 37, 15, £3; E. Lane (N.A.V.), 38, 20, £3; Mr. Moppett (Lucknow), 39, 14, £3; J. Moore (Camden), 39, 14, £3; Mr. Morton (Fairfield), 38, 14, £2; A. Cutler (Bathurst), 40, 11, £2; W. Pantlin (Engineers), 51, £2; F. Le Maitre (Braidwood), 50, £2; E. Mathieson (West Suburbs), 48, £2. The following won prizes of £1 each:—Mr. Tessimond (Lithgow), 47; J. M'Intosh (Parramatta), 47, Instructor Rickwood (Naval Brigade), 47, A. Blatch (Junee), 47; Colour-sergeant M'Callum (North Sydney), 46; R. J. Clark (Berry), 46; F. W. Farp (Mulgoa), 45; Secretary Kendall (Singleton), 45; J. W. Chapman (Braidwood), 45; Bombardier Kiernan (Wollongong), 44; R. A. Nelson (Bathurst), 44; B. Clarke (1st Regiment), 44; Lieutenant Keating (N.A.V.), 44; Secretary Moroney (Braidwood), 44; Secretary Hayter (Burrawang), 44; A. Campbell (Gerringong), 42; Corporal Sullivan (Engineers), 42; Captain Patterson (Reserves), 41.

President's, 15 shots at 500 yards, 5 shots at 600 yards.—A. Campbell (Gerringong), 19, 41, £5; Secretary Gissing (Moss Vale), 20, 40, £4; President Maddrell (Burwood), 19, 40, £3; Colour-Sergeant Draper (Staff), 22, 37, £3; Sergeant Lennox (Penrith), 18, 42, £3; Secretary Hayter (Burrawang), 21, 37, £2; D. M'Cauley (P.P.M.S.C.), 17, 40, £2; J. L. Dobson (Braidwood), 18, 39, £2. The following won £1 each:—B. Drew (Wollongong) and B. Clarke (1st Regiment), 57 each; W. Cooper (staff), J. Fenn (N.B.), M. Byron (Wollongong), 56 each; Secretary M. Moroney (Braidwood), Bombardier Kiernan (Wollongong), Corporal Keevers (1st Regiment), Mr. Le Maitre (Braidwood), 53 each; M. Tessimond (Lithgow), J. Nelson (N.B.), F. Roberts (Maitland), J. M. Whelehan (Wyalong), 52 each; President F. Winser (Mount Victoria), J. M'Cook (Parramatta), 51 each; J. M'Intosh (Parramatta), 50; W. Higgins (Braidwood), T. W. Farp (Mulgoa), 49 each; D. Hooker (Singleton), E. Blatch (Junee), Instructor Rickwood (N.B.), 48.

Extra Service Matches.—Mr. M'Intosh (Parramatta) and Colour-Sergeant Hooker (Singleton), with scores of 24 and 23 respectively, each won prizes value £1.

Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Southern Rifle Association was continued and completed to-day. The weather was again rather warm, and as the wind was not anything like so bad as on previous days better scores were the result. An extra match was included in to-day's proceedings, which induced about 60 to compete. The prizes for this alone amounted to £25. The shooting was seven shots at 500yds., and some good shooting resulted, Mr. R. A. Nelson, of Bathurst, securing first prize with the excellent score of 34 out of a possible 35. The plan adopted by the association of paying all prizes at the conclusion of each match was much appreciated by the competitors, and the hope was expressed that other associations would follow this good example at their meetings. In Champion Aggregate M. Byron, of Wollongong, succeeded in topping the poll with the score of 334, and thus carried off the prize of £10 and the gold medal of the Southern Rifle Association. He also won £13 through the meeting. Staff-Officer Tideswell, Secretary Gissing, and Treasurer Lambert are to be congratulated on the satisfactory conduct of the meeting, and had the weather been at all seasonable the whole proceedings would have been first-class. However, as stated by Major-General French riflemen are supposed to make themselves acquainted with all varieties of weather. The experience gained at this meeting will be, probably, of much service to them later on.

Following are the results:—

Ladies' Match, 10 shots at 500 yards and 5 shots at 600 yards.—A. Campbell (Gerringong), 47, 23—70, £5; M. Byron (Wollongong), 43, 20—63, £4; J. M. Moore (Camden), 45, 17—62, £3; Instructor Rickwood (Naval Brigade), 40, 21—61, £3; J. Fenn (Naval Brigade), 40, 21—61, £3; H. Vernon (Sydney), 41, 20—61, £3; J. E. Draper (Staff), 42, 19—61, £3; G. Gissing (Moss Vale), 39, 21—60, £2; T. Hate (Fairfield), 37, 22—59, £2; Trooper Bursill (Robertson), 40, 19—59, £2; E. A. Lane (Nav.), 41, 18—59, £2. The following won prizes of £1:—T. H. Kendall (Singleton), J. J. Matheson (St. Leonards), 59 each; B. Drew (Wollongong), Quartermaster-sergeant Earl (Wollongong), D. M'Calley (Sydney), 58 each; O. G. Symons (Parramatta), E. A. Douglas (Quirindi), R. Lennox (Penrith), 57 each; R. A. Nelson (Bathurst), R. W. Holt (Western Suburbs), F. Roberts (Maitland), Secretary Moroney (Braidwood), J. Nelson (Naval Brigade), 56 each; J. M. Tessimond (Lithgow), B. Clarke (1st Regiment), R. J. C. Maddrell (Braidwood), Secretary King (Maitland), 55 each.

Members' Match, 500 and 600 yards, 7 shots at each.—C. A. Blatch (Junee), 33, 31—64, £5; J. M. M'Intosh (Parramatta), 30, 31—61, £4; B. Drew (Wollongong), 26, 33—59, £3; Secretary G. Gissing (M.V.), 28, 30—58, £3; B. Cooper (staff), 29, 29—58, £3; T. H. Kendall (Singleton), 29, 28—57, £3; E. Lane (N.A.V.), 29, 28—57, £2; F. Lemaitre (Braidwood), 31, 26—57, £2; H. Vernon (Sydney), 33, 24—57, £2. The following secured prizes of £1 each:—M. H. Tessimond (Lithgow), A. Cutler (Bathurst), 56 each; M. Byron (Wollongong), 55; R. Holt (Western Suburbs), J. Nelson (Naval Brigade), G. Keevers (1st Regiment), J. Palmer (Engineers), 53 each; D. Hooker (Singleton), Captain J. Cork (Reserves), F. Fredricks (Kiama), Secretary Moroney (Braidwood), M. J. Keating (N.A.V.), H. G. Spencer (Narrabri), 52 each; R. Lennox (Penrith), J. W. Chapman (Braidwood), A. Campbell (Gerringong), 51 each; J. West (Sydney), J. E. Draper (Staff), 50 each. Four scores of 50 counted out.

Champion Aggregate.—M. Byron (Wollongong), 334, £10; F. Lemaitre (Braidwood), 327, £7; Secretary Gissing (M.V.), 325, £5; J. Moore (Camden), 325, £4; Sergeant R. Lennox (Penrith), 312, £4; A.B. J. Fenn (Naval Brigade), 309, £4; Secretary T. H. Kendall (Singleton), 309, £4; M. H. Tessimond (Lithgow), 309, £3; Corporal W. Pantlin (Engineers), 307, £3; Instructor G. Rickwood (Naval Brigade), 306, £3; J. M'Intosh (Parramatta), 305, £3; Corporal W. Cooper (Staff), 305, £3; Private B. Clarke (1st Regiment), 304, £2; Quartermaster-sergeant Earl (Wollongong), 303, £2; A. Cutler (Bathurst), 302, £2; Corporal M'Calley (P.P.M.S.C.), 303, £2; J. Nelson (Naval Brigade), 301, £2; A. Campbell (Gerringong), 301, £2; J. Mathieson (St. Leonards), 300, £2. The following won prizes of £1 each:—B. Drew (Wollongong), 297; Secretary Moroney (Braidwood), 296; F. West (Sydney), 294; R. A. Nelson (Bathurst), 294; R. M'Cook (Parramatta), 293; President R. J. Maddrell (Braidwood), 292; A.B. E. Lane (Naval), 292; Treasurer Moppett (Lucknow), 287; Sergeant Thomas (First Regiment), 287; Colour-sergeant Draper (Staff), 286; President F. Winser (Mount Victoria), 286; President H. G. Spencer (Narrabri), 285; Sapper Palmer (Engineers), 285; Corporal G. Keevers (1st Regiment), 285; E. A. Douglass (Quirindi), 284; Lieutenant Keating (N.A.V.), 283; W. J. Chapman (Braidwood), 283; Colour-sergeant M'Callum (North Sydney), 282; Treasurer H. Vernon (Sydney), 282; Bombardier Kiernan (Wollongong), 280; C. M. Morton (Fairfield), 279; Captain J. Cork (Reserves), 278; Secretary Hayter (Burrawang), 277; F. W. Farp (Mulgoa), 275; D. S. Young (Braidwood), 274; F. Roberts (Maitland), 274; Secretary King (Maitland), 273; A. Blatch (Junee), 272; W. T. Tewkesbury (Muswellbrook), 270; E. Blatch (Junee), 270; J. S. Dobson (Braidwood), 269; C. A. Blatch (Junee), 268; J. N. Whelehan (Wyalong), 267.

Mount Broughton, Special.—R. A. Nelson (Bathurst), 34, £4; M. H. Tessimond (Lithgow), 33, £3; F. Lemaitre (Braidwood), 33, £3; C. M. Morton (Fairfield), 32, £2; Secretary King (Maitland), 32, £2. The following secured £1 each:—President H. G. Spencer (Narrabri), 32; President F. Winser (Mount Victoria), 32; Corporal D. M'Calley (P.P.M.S.C.), 32; J. E. Draper (Staff), 31; F. W. Farp (Mulgoa), 31; Secretary Hayter (Burrawang), 31; J. Fenn (Naval Brigade), 31; J. Love (Junee), 31; Treasurer F. W. Moppett (Lucknow), 31; Captain Cork (Reserves), 30; R. Holt (Western Suburbs), 30; J. G. Fry (Fairfield), 30.

In the continuous match W. Tewkesbury, of Muswellbrook, secured a prize of £1 with the "possible."

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

Major-General French proceeded from Moss Vale to Camden yesterday, where to-day he will inspect the Camden-Picton Company of Mounted Rifles. He will remain over Saturday, and will take the opportunity of watching the operations of the detachment for England now in camp. There will be a church parade on Sunday.

Captain Sydenham Smith, R.A., who has been appointed to the command of the artillery of New South Wales in place of Colonel Spalding, arrived in Sydney from England by the R.M.S. China yesterday.

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SPORTING INTELLIGENCE.

THE TURF.

Pony and galloway races will be run to-day at Rosebery Park, the first event being timed to start at 2.30 p.m. The usual facilities will be afforded by omnibus and tram services for reaching the course.

The programme framed by the Kensington management for the pony and galloway meeting to be held on the 4th proximo demands the attention of owners and trainers of small horses to-day, for at 5 p.m. entries close with the secretary, Mr. P. O'Mara. Particulars are set forth in our business sheets.

At 5 o'clock this afternoon entries close with Mr. S. Peters, secretary, for the pony and galloway races to be run at Brighton on Monday next. The card will be found in our business sheets.

Entries close at 5 p.m. to-day with the secretary, Mr. J. Jolly, for the pony and galloway races to be run at Moorefield on Wednesday next. The programme will be found in our advertising columns.

Mr. T. S. Donnellan, secretary, will receive entries up to 5 p.m. to-day for the pony and galloway races to be run at Rosebery Park on Tuesday next. Particulars will be found in the business part of the paper.

Mirridong, who has been a most disappointing horse to James Monaghan, has been sold by him to go to Western Australia, where he will be used for stud and racing purposes. Quondong, a stable companion, is to be returned to his owner in Queensland.

The trophy which supplements the monetary prize for the principal event on the programme for the annual meeting of the Wyalong Jockey Club has been selected from the stock of Messrs. William Farmer and Co., Hunter-street, and has been forwarded to its destination. It is a cup of elegant design, with beautifully-chased handles, and appropriate embellishments, and is the gift of Mr. J. Tucker, of Temora.

The Anniversary Handicap at the Kensington pony and galloway races yesterday was won by a rank outsider in Esther, by Sir Alfred from Azalia. In a field of 15 various prices, from 15 to 20 to 1, were on offer against her, and only in a few remote instances was she supported.

Four racehorses whose past performances entitle them to be remembered by the public are now to be seen in work of a morning at Randwick. Cremorne, who is looking remarkably well, has filled out considerably during his well-merited spell, and in spite of his age promises to train into his best form. Loyalty, who is being put through severer work than the Splendor gelding, carries a large amount of flesh, and has a thick neck and the conformation of a stud horse. D. O'Brien will have a little difficulty in reducing him to proper racing condition. The son of St. George is quite sound, and apparently capable of standing a considerable amount of work. Vanitas, whose coat still reminds one of the fact that he has not long been in from the paddock, is making rapid progress in his preparation, and his trainer has well-founded hopes of being able to send him to the post again in something like his old form. Delaware, looking as big as a draught horse, gets through the long slow work allotted him in a satisfactory manner, which causes one to expect him to train on successfully.

Damien, the Summer Cup winner, returned to Melbourne last night by rail. J. Roarty, by the same train, took San Marco and the galloway Dot, and W. Frost, Lady Loch and Eva, both galloways, across to Victoria. San Marco is engaged in the Newmarket Handicap. The "small horses" will be run at the suburban races, and after the autumn meetings of the V.R.C. and V.A.T.C. will probably return to Sydney.

In the local betting market yesterday the South Australian horse, Staffa, was backed to win a fair amount at 100 to 3; Precaution received some support at 100 to 7, while Wait-a-bit and Babel were also befriended at 100 to 4 for the Newmarket Handicap. For the Australian Cup a parcel was accepted about O'Trigger at 100 to 10, and at 100 to 6 The Officer had several hundreds written against him. In double betting Babel and Resolute were backed at 1000 to 5.

Right Honorable was yesterday struck out of the January Handicap in connection with the January meeting of the Rosehill Racing Club.

A pony and horse trot is included in the programme of pony races to be run at Lillie Bridge on Monday night.

Entries close at noon to-day for the pony and galloway races to be held at Lillie Bridge to-morrow night.

At Hobartville this season there are 32 foals, of which number half are colts. Grand Flaneur has sired five colts and two fillies, among the former being a colt from Olga, the dam of Patron, Ruenalf, and others, and a colt from Terrara, the dam of Hopscotch. Both foals are growing up in a manner which gives great satisfaction to Mr. Benson, and so far the Olga foal promises to be the best of the season. Far Niente is responsible for seven colts and seven fillies, a remarkably fine-looking foal being from the Oaks winner Consequence. Patrol, Autonomy, and Marvel are responsible for the remaining portion of the batch. A foal by Marvel from Welcome stands out as one above the average, and the same can be said of another foal by Grand Flaneur from Lady Edda.

At the Summer reunion of the Wellington (N.Z.) Racing Club, Daredevil, by the Chester horse Dreadnought, won the Anniversary Handicap, 1 mile, from eight others. The bay filly Maybud scored a win for the Tocal sire, Medallion, in the Nursery Handicap. Strathbraan, by Apremont from Engagement, by Musket, appropriated the Wellington Cup, 1½ mile, from seven others, and the Hurdle Race, 2 miles, fell to Bushgirl, by Gipsy King from Barbarina. King's Bowman, by Forester from Princess Royal, 7st 11lb, and Trentalto, by Trenton from Montalto, 7st 10lb, ran a dead heat for the President's Handicap, 1 mile, and the owners divided. The Wellington Stakes fell to Goldleaf, by Stonyhurst from Golden Crest, 6st 7lb; and Torpina, by Torpedo from Christina, 8st 13lb, annexed the Telegraph Handicap, 6 furlongs. On the second day, Sea Serpent, by Pseudorius from Rumour, 6st 9lb, was victorious in the January Handicap; the Hurdle Race, 1½ mile, went to Tangaroa, 10st; the R. C. Handicap, 1¼ mile, was secured by Rangipuhi, a son of Five and Mystery Girl, who carried 8st, and covered the distance in 2 minutes 11 seconds. Defiant, by Dreadnought from Legacy, 8st 11lb, captured the Juvenile Handicap; Belligerent, by Artillery from Luna, 7st 2lb, got home in front of Daredevil, 8st 6lb, and five others, in the Metropolitan Handicap, 6 furlongs; the Welter Handicap, 7 furlongs, went to The Miser, by Puriri from Germaine, 10st 3lb; and King's Bowman wound up the meeting by securing the Electric Handicap, 5 furlongs, carrying 8st 12lb.

Late advices from New Zealand state that the Christchurch Racing Club sued a number of bookmakers for trespassing on and refusing to leave the New Brighton racecourse when warned by the officials. All the cases heard were dismissed, and one was adjourned. The costs against the club amounted to 13 guineas.

At the annual meeting of the Calcutta Turf Club Australian horses were greatly in evidence. The Hastings Plate (hurdle race) fell to Nevermore, who was followed home by Muscovite and Orlando; the Paddock Stakes went to Lead On, a son of Dunlop and Progressive; Wilton, by Lord Wilton from Brown Gipsy, won the Selling Race; Couralie secured the Trial Stakes, beating Jack o'Lantern, Idolater, and four others; Woorayl was successful in the Scaramanga Cup; Eildon annexed the Calcutta Stakes, in which Highborn took part; and Loch Ena appropriated the Dealers' Plate.

THE MORNING GALLOPS.

The work on the tracks at Randwick yesterday morning was of an ordinary character. The weather was beautifully fine, and the tracks in good order. Sabretache, Confidence, and Bliss were despatched for a circuit of the tan, the New Zealander finishing easily in front of Confidence in 2 minutes 22¼ seconds, while Bliss was badly beaten by 10 lengths. Valiant, Mirrhlong, and Quondong finished as named over a mile on the tan in 1 minute 51 seconds. Patriot and Wingen sprinted over five furlongs in 1 minute 7 seconds, the former being a good length and a half in front at the end of the journey. Right Honorable and Black Diamond, the latter with a neck sweater on, were sent for a sound gallop once round the tan, and Right Honorable, who finished in front, accounted for the last six furlongs in 1 minute 21 seconds. Frolic, who is looking well, easily defeated Spindrift by four lengths at the close of a six-furlongs spin, executed in 1 minute 21½ seconds. The two-year-olds Metford and Zitella covered half a mile in 53¾ seconds, the firstnamed having most to say at the finish. Akarini performed one of the best gallops of the morning. She started for a circuit of the tan alone, and at the back Milgarra joined in. The Invader gelding let her get between 60 and 70 yards of a start before he settled down in pursuit, but he gradually overhauled her, and finished alongside at the end of the journey. The mile was accomplished in 1 minute 49½ seconds, and the round in 2 minutes 22 seconds. Cartridge and Loyalty were together at the end of a six-furlongs spin in 1 minute 22 seconds, and Glare, galloping alone, cast behind the last six furlongs of a mile in 1 minute 21¼ seconds. Coil and Yarrow went comfortably round the tan in 2 minutes 25 seconds, the last six furlongs taking 1 minute 27 seconds. Pense-a-Moi defeated Ganmain by a length at the end of a mile gallop in 1 minute 50 seconds, the mare finishing well. Riverie executed a mile solo in 1 minute 53 seconds. All Right and Seabreeze were schooled over the hurdles, the latter clearing the obstacles in fine style. Faber and Annadour were sent for a six-furlongs gallop, which they accounted for in 1 minute 23 seconds, and the others of Keys' team did easy work. Fadladeen, Cremorne, and Vanitas were treated to useful exercise, and a number of others performed similar tasks.

MELBOURNE SPORTING.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

It was decided at a meeting yesterday to form a trainers' and jockeys' association. Those moving in the matter disclaim any intention of acting in opposition to race clubs or owners generally.

The Queensland champion Merloolas has been scratched for the Newmarket Handicap and the Australian Cup.

Bloodshot was scratched to-day for the Newmarket Handicap, consequent upon a severe strain.

KENSINGTON PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The pony and galloway races held at Kensington yesterday were well attended. The weather was fine, and the course in good order. The following are the results:—

HURDLE RACE (15.0), a handicap of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 1½ mile.—J. Stevenson's b g Bertie, aged, 12st (D. Edwards), 1; G. Saunders ns ch m Bessie M'Carty, 6 years, 8st 7lb (C. Young), 2; W. M. Griffith's b g Ednyfed, aged, 8st 7lb (H. Brown), 3. Valencia (11st 4lb) also started. Betting: 7 to 4 v. Bertie, 2 to 1 v. Valencia, 3 to 1 v. Bessie M'Carty, 4 to 1 v. Ednyfed. Won by one length and a half, three lengths dividing second and third. Time, 3 minutes 2¼ seconds.

FOURTEEN-ONE HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 4½ furlongs.—J. M'Grath ns b m Allie, 5 years, 6st 10lb (F. Kuhn), 1; H. Robinson ns ch g F.W., aged, 6st 10lb (H. Brown), 2; T. Harris's br f Kella Kella, 2 years, 7st (J. M'Dougall), 3. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Allie, 5 to 2 v. Kella Kella, 3 to 1 v. F.W. Won by length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute.

FIFTEEN HANDS HANDICAP of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 5 furlongs.—L. A. Cooper's br f Djin Djin, 2 years, 8st 2lb (P. Quaine), 1; H. M'Gee ns ch f Jean, 3 years, 7st 13lb (A. Henkel), 2; F. M'Carthy ns b f Kwelanga, 3 years, 7st 12lb (J. Downey), 3. Sultana, 7st 11lb, including 1lb over, also started. Betting: Even money on Djin Djin, 6 to 4 v. Jean, 10 to 1 v. others. Won easily by three lengths, a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 5 seconds.

FOURTEEN HANDS WELTER HANDICAP of 20 sovs., second horse 2 sovs. from the prize, 4 furlongs.—J. Hutton's ch g Toby, 5 years, 7st 11lb (A. Albrecht), 1; E. Donovan's ch g Guy Fawkes, aged, 9st (J. Montgomery), 2; A. Scott ns b g Gaylong, aged, 8st 5lb (D. Malone), 3. Other starters: Novice, 9st 4lb; Deceiver, 9st; Little Elsie, 8st 12lb; Van Vedor, 8st 5lb; Rosie B., 8st; Mariano, 8st; Mona, 7st 7lb. Betting: 3 to 1 v. Deceiver, 4 to 1 v. Toby, 6 to 1 each v. Gaylong, Guy Fawkes, and Elsie, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a length and a half, a length between second and third. Time, 54⅖ seconds.

ANNIVERSARY STAKES (14.2), a handicap of 45 sovs., second horse 10 sovs. from the prize, 4½ furlongs.—J. Robertson's b m Esther, 6 years, 7st (T. M'Gee), 1; W. Saunders ns b m Pink 'Un, aged, 8st 3lb, including 1lb over (W. Thompson), 2; J. M'Grath ns b m Little Lady, 4 years, 6st 10lb (F. Kuhn), 3. Other starters: Zeno, 8st 10lb; Beetroot, 8st 3lb; Vixen, 8st; Parody, 8st; Ada, 7st 12lb; Rob Roy, 7st 10lb; Mica, 7st 10lb; Halleen, 7st 4lb; Good-bye, 7st; Recall, 7st; Puzzle, 6st 10lb; Peter Ford, 6st 7lb. Betting: 5 to 4 v. Little Lady, 4 to 1 v. Pink 'Un, 6 to 1 v. Zeno, 15 to 20 to 1 others. Won by a neck, half a length between second and third. Time, 59¾ seconds.

KENSINGTON HANDICAP (15.0) of 25 sovs., second horse 3 sovs. from the prize, 1 mile.—A. Shaw ns b m Gavot, 5 years, 6st 12lb (J. M'Dougall), 1; T. H. Hales's gr m Zara, 5 years, 7st 4lb (J. Hancock), 2; J. Smith's b h Orville, 6 years, 6st 9lb (G. Foster), 3. Other starters: Maria Jane, 7st 10lb; Westwood, 7st 4lb. Betting: 2 to 1 v. Maria Jane, 4 to 1 v. Zara, 9 to 2 v. Gavot, 5 to 1 v. Westwood, 10 to 1 v. others. Won by a length, three-quarters of a length between second and third. Time, 1 minute 49 seconds.

TEMORA JOCKEY CLUB.

FIRST DAY.

TEMORA, Thursday.

The annual meeting of the Temora Jockey Club was commenced to-day. Beautiful weather was experienced, and the attendance was very fair. The course was in good order, and the racing was excellent, the finishes being remarkably close. The cup caused a great amount of speculation, but neither of the favourites made a show in the straight. In the Trial Stakes the winner lodged a protest which was dismissed. The following are the results of the races:—

TRIAL STAKES, 15 sovs., distance 4 furlongs.—Mr. W. C. H. Roberts' b g Montana, 4 years (D. Pegrem), 1; Mr. D. Donovan's ch h Le Master, 3 years (Curran) *; Mr. R. H. Royster's b g Ben, 2 years (G. Cherry) *. Other starters: Sunbonnet, Rambler, Coburg, and P.N. A good race, won by three-parts of a length, Le Master and Ben, finishing very determinedly, made a dead heat for second place.

SELLING RACE, 20 sovs., 6 furlongs.—Mr. N. Talbot's br g France (late Talk) (O'Brien), 1; Mr. G. Livingston's ch g Merald, 2; Mr. W. Bowering's b g Mastertop, 3. Other starters: Ellery and Inverness. Won by a length and a half, half a length between second and third. Ellery led for the first half-mile, but ceased racing when caught, and finished nowhere.

TEMORA CUP, trophy presented by Messrs. Tucker and Baxter, valued 50 sovs., with 50 sovs. added, 1¼ mile.—Mr. T. Scanlon's b m Lottie, 8st 4lb (O'Brien), 1; Mr. W. C. H. Roberts's b g Marshal Neil, 8st 8lb (D. Pegrem), 2; Mr. C. Brewer's br g Ouden, 7st 7lb (Dunlop), 3. Other starters: Candour, 9st 5lb; Inverlay, 8st 12lb; Galant, 8st 7lb; Esirnus, 8st; Konning, 7st 5lb. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Galant, 2 to 1 v. Candour, 12 to 1 v. Lottie. At the fall of the flag Ouden jumped away with the lead which he kept for fully a mile, the rest being bunched behind him. On entering the straight, Marshal Neil led, attended by Lottie and Ouden. Lottie took up the running at the distance, and, finishing well, won by 2 lengths, about half a length between Marshal Neil and Ouden. Time, 2 minutes 12 seconds.

SUMMER HANDICAP of 15 sovs., 7 furlongs.—Mr. Roberts's b g Montana, 4 years, 9st (D. Pegrem), 1; Mr. A. J. Lynch's P.N., 3 years, 7st 7lb, 2; Mr. W. Bowering's b g Honeydew II., 8st 12lb, 3. Only three started. Won easily.

WELTER HANDICAP, 1 mile 1 furlong.—Mr. W. Ball's Ellery, aged, 10st, 1; Mr. J. Curry's ch m Bardot, 2. Ellery led from the start to the finish, winning very easily.

WEST AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB.

PERTH, Wednesday.

The West Australian Turf Club held its anniversary meeting on the Perth course on Tuesday. The attendance numbered 3000, and the weather was pleasant but warm. The totalisator tickets were 10s each. The results are as follows:—

HURDLES.—Chance, 11st 4lb (Lyons), 1; Purser, 9st 9lb (Milton), 2; Trio, 11st (O'Mara), 3. Five others started. Won by four lengths. Time, 4 minutes 9⅖ seconds. Totalisator dividend, £3 8s.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—Scarpia, 7st 12lb (C. Hughes), 1; Stiletto, 8st (Shrimpton), 2; Paul Fry, 8st 10lb (C. Moore), 3. Seven others started. Won by three lengths, Paul Fry being two lengths away. Time, 2 minutes 14 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £6 5s.

TWO-YEAR-OLD HANDICAP.—The Elder, 8st (Shrimpton), 1; Faithful, 6st 11lb (Griffen), 2; Toxic, 8st 6lb (C. Moore), 3. Won by three lengths. Time, 1 minute 5 2-5 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £1 9s.

SUMMER HANDICAP.—Stiletto, 9st 2lb (R. Bolger), 1; Laura, 8st 13lb (Campbell), 2; Tarquin, 6st 8lb (Long), 3. Two others started. Won by two lengths. Time, 1 minute 47 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £2 15s.

SELLING RACE.—Holly, 6st 12lb (Weyre), 1; Idalium II., 7st 1lb (Driscoll), 2; Mainstay, 7st 11lb (Powell), 3. Six others started. Won by a length. Time, 1 minute 6 2-5 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £2 10s.

TURF CLUB HANDICAP.—Florrie, 8st 8lb (Powell), 1; Chiron, 8st 2lb (M. Quinn), 2; Scarpia, 8st 6lb (Hutchens), 3. Five others started. Won by a head, a neck between second and third. Time, 1 minute 18 2-5 seconds. Totalisator dividend, £1 10s.

PENRITH PICNIC RACES.

A very successful day's racing was held on Belmore Park racecourse on Wednesday, when there were fully 500 people present, and the racing throughout was very good. Mr. J. D. Single, J.P., acted as judge, and Mr. R. Hamilton was the handicapper. The following are the results:—

OPENING HANDICAP, 5 furlongs.—Byora, 1; Frivolity, 2; Polly II., 3. Betting: 6 to 4 v. Byora, 3 to 1 v. Frivolity, 4 to 1 v. Polly II. Won by a head.

HANDICAP TROT, twice round the course.—Fiddler, 5 seconds behind, 1; Constant, 30 seconds behind, 2. Nine started.

NEPEAN HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Thyrsus, 9st 12lb, 1*; Byora, 8st, 2*; Polly II., 3. Betting: Even money on Byron, 6 to 4 v. Rocket, 3 to 1 v. Thyrsus. In the run off Thyrsus won. Both races were the best ever seen here, from start to finish the horses were never separated.

HACK RACE.—C. Heyward's Blinkboy, 1. Eight started.

WELTER HANDICAP, 5 furlongs.—Frivolity, 10st 6lb, 1; Polly II., 9st 2lb, 2; Antrim, 8st 5lb, 3. Four started.

QUIRINDI PICNIC RACES.

QUIRINDI, Wednesday.

At the Picnic Race Meeting the following were the results:—

BENEVOLENT HANDICAP.—Raven, 1; Comet, 2; Rusty, 3.

HACK RACE.—Storm Light, 1; E.U., 2; Little Wonder, 3.

ORGANISATION HANDICAP.—Muscatelle, 1; Raven, 2; Reserve, 3.

CHARITY HANDICAP.—Tom Cook, 1; Muscatelle, 2; Lovelight, 3.

[illegible] HANDICAP.—Muscatelle, 1; Reserve, 2; Betsy Bay, 3.

ALL-COMERS' FOOTRACE.—Patrick Farrell, Narrabri West, 23 yards, 1; Arthur Sampson, Walhallow, 20 yards, 2; John Barlow and William Austin, Quirindi, 20 yards each.

At the conclusion of the programme a match was run off between Muscatelle and Reserve with 8st each, 1 mile. Reserve won by 20 lengths.

A civilian rifle team defeated Muswellbrook yesterday by 21 points on the Muswellbrook range.

LIVERPOOL PICNIC RACES.

LIVERPOOL, Wednesday.

A day's racing and athletic sports, promoted by Host Mullett, of the Centennial Hotel, and a strong local committee were held on the Liverpool racecourse yesterday. There was a large attendance, and the sport was good. Appended are the results:—

FLYING HANDICAP.—Mr. A. Cowan's Paksha, 1; Mr. George Standfield's Jack, 2.

FOURTEEN HANDS PONY HANDICAP.—Mr. E. Cullen's Nancy, 1; Mr. J. H. Marsden's Lovence, 2.

CIGAR AND UMBRELLA RACE.—Mr. Cowan's Greygown, 1.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—Mr. George Standfield's Jack, 1; Mr. Cowan's Paksha, 2.

HANDICAP TROT.—Mr. E. Paine's Sol Green, 1; Mr. H. Tomsett's Fir, 2.

FOURTEEN-TWO PONY HANDICAP.—Mr. F. Neville's Little Dick, 1; Mr. J. Wheeler's T.Y.L., 2.

HANDICAP FOOTRACE.—Mr. E. Campbell, 1; Mr. J. Kiely, 2.

MOREE JOCKEY CLUB.

SECOND DAY.

MOREE, Wednesday.

The Anniversary Meeting of the Moree Jockey Club was concluded yesterday. The weather was very hot. The fields were large and the finishes close. The following are the results of the second day:—

FLYING HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Una, 7st 3lb, 1; Insurgent, 9st 8lb, 2; Mizpah, 9st 12lb, 3. Ten started. Time, 1 minute 19 seconds.

HANDICAP HACK RACE, 6 furlongs.—Miss Maud, 8st 1lb, 1; Sovereign, 8st 12lb, 2; Tiberius, 7st 7lb, 3. Fifteen started. Time, 1 minute 20 seconds.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP, 9 furlongs.—Tocka Tocka, 8st 9lb, 1; Orotava, 7st 12lb, 2; Laurette, 8st 8lb, 3. Seven started. Time, 2 minutes 8 seconds.

NOVEL RACE, weight for age, 6 furlongs.—Hilda, 1; Tomboy, 2; Kitawa, 3. Time, 1 minute 21 seconds.

WELTER HANDICAP, 6 furlongs.—Mizpah, 11st 5lb, 1; Dean, 9st 5lb +; Myrtle, 9st +. Ten started. A dead heat for second place. Time, 1 minute 2[illegible] seconds.

FAREWELL HANDICAP, 1 mile.—Talisman, 8st, 1; Lady Asthore, 9st, 2. Time, 1 minute 50 seconds.

FORBES JOCKEY CLUB.

INAUGURAL MEETING ON THE NEW COURSE.

FORBES, Wednesday.

The inaugural race meeting on the new course was held yesterday, and was a great success, fully 1000 people being in the stand enclosure, with another 1000 or more outside. There were a great number of ladies present, and an afternoon tea was provided, to which all of them were treated as guests. The appointments on the course are equal to, if not better, than anything outside of Sydney. When the trees and grasses grow up the course will be an exceedingly pretty one. Besides the grand-stand there is a very pretty stewards' stand over the weighing-room and committee rooms, which was built by subscriptions. The whole of the architecture was planned by Mr. J. H. Bates, and the building cost about £1200. The following are the results:—

OPENING HANDICAP.—Ruby Rose, 8st 6lb, 1; Whisht, 9st 10lb, 2; Remission, 7st 13lb, 3. Other starters: Welaryang, Cadow, Lady, Lemnos, and Russley Rose.

TIME HANDICAP TROT.—Village Beauty, 15 seconds behind, 1; Douglas, scratch, 2; Torpedo, 5[illegible] seconds behind, 3.

ANNIVERSARY HANDICAP.—Lemnos, 8st 10lb, 1; Gladys, 8st 3lb, 2; Whisht, 9st 8lb, 3. Other starters: Ruby Rose, Welaryang, Cadow, and Russley Rose.

WELTER HANDICAP.—Lady, 10st, 1; W.D., 10st 12lb, 2; Remission, 11st, 3. Other starters: Sirius, Radiance, Kathleen, First Nut, Sonny Bell, and Loo Van.

FLYING HANDICAP.—Gladys, 9st 5lb, 1; W.D., 8st 7lb, 2; Barbette, 8st, 3. Other starters: Teemia and Eileen.

BEATEN STAKES.—Remission, 9st 5lb, 1; W.D., 9st 2lb, 2; Sonny Bell, 8st 9lb, 3. Other starters: First Nut, 8st; Kathleen, 7st. A great finish. Remission won by a nose.

ROSEBERY PARK PONY AND GALLOWAY RACES.

The following are the weights for the pony and galloway races to be run at Rosebery Park to-day:—

FIFTEEN HANDS HANDICAP, about 4 furlongs.—Loch Katrine, 9st 12lb; Matrona, 9st 3lb; Morpheus, 8st 12lb; Mona II., 8st 5lb; Waif, 8st 4lb; Lyndhurst, 7st 11lb; Maud F., 7st 9lb; The Bishop, 7st 6lb; Vortex, 7st 6lb; Melrose, 7st 6lb; Flirt, 7st 3lb; Best Shot, 7st; Blazes, 6st 13lb.

THIRTEEN-TWO HANDICAP, about 3 furlongs 50 yards.—Waxy, 9st 5lb; Rosy, 8st 5lb; Vina, 8st; Alice Leamar, 8st; Vashti, 7st 9lb; Chestnut, 7st 7lb; Little Kate, 7st 6lb; Gaiety Girl, 7st.

FOURTEEN-TWO HANDICAP, about 5 furlongs.—Zeno, 9st 8lb; Queenbird, 9st 4lb; Queen May, 9st; Curiosity, 8st 10lb; Puzzle, 8st 8lb; Vixen, 8st 7lb; Netta, 8st 6lb; Minnie Brook, 8st 1lb; Sly Go, 7st 10lb; Brazen Face, 7st 9lb; Zenith, 7st 9lb; Allam, 7st 7lb; Freshwater, 7st 5lb; The Echo, 7st 5lb; Sook, 7st 5lb; Alinia, 7st 4lb; Iona, 6st 10lb.

FOURTEEN HANDS HANDICAP, about 4 furlongs.—Deceiver, 9st 8lb; Llama, 9st 4lb; Little Elsie, 9st 1lb; Gaylong, 8st 7lb; Hirondelle, 8st 3lb; Bon Ami, 7st 7lb; Nana, 7st 5lb; Addie, 7st 1lb; Madcap, 6st 12lb; Lady Isabel, 6st 7lb.

ROSEBERY HANDICAP, about 1 mile.—Loch Katrine, 9st 7lb; Romp, 9st 1lb; Loch Mohr, 7st 12lb; Maud F., 7st 7lb; Parthian, 7st 7lb; Streak o' Light, 7st 6lb; Elspeth, 7st 5lb; Zulander, 7st 2lb; Day Dawn, 7st.

CRICKET.

BEGA, Wednesday.

The Southern Counties Cricket Association has defeated the Cobargo Cricket Association at Bega. Scores:—First innings Southern Counties, 194 (Cunningham 73, Bate 40, M'Paul not out 29). Cobargo 66, and five for 30 in the second innings. For the winners Cunningham got seven wickets for 26, and Warren three for 35.

BULLI, Wednesday.

The Standard Brewery C.C. played a match against the Independent, Bulli, on the latter's wicket. The match resulted in a win for the latter by four wickets. Scores: Standard Brewery, 62 and 142; Independents, 105, and 101 for eight wickets.

THE NEXT ENGLISH ELEVEN.

PERTH, Thursday.

The Western Australian Cricket Association has decided to offer £1200 and train fares between Perth and Albany, in return for the next English Eleven playing cricket matches in Perth on their way to the eastern colonies.

TENNIS.

A mixed double tennis tournament was held on the Blackheath tennis court on Saturday. After some excellent play the final resulted in a win for Miss Ferris and Mr. Layton. Appended are the scores and handicaps:—

Miss Ferris and Mr. Coffey, scratch, 22 games out of 24.

Miss Elliott and Mr. W. Cowlishaw, scratch, 14 games out of 24.

Miss Lee and Mr. F. S. Williamson, half 15, 22 games out of 24.

Miss Ferris and Mr. Layton, 15, 26 games out of 24.

Miss Edith Cowlishaw and Mr. Campbell, 15, 18 games out of 24.

CYCLING.

A number of members and friends of the Waratah Rovers Cycling Club had a very enjoyable run to Hornsby and district on Anniversary Day.

Included in the Lillie Bridge programme for Wednesday night is a half-mile bicycle handicap, for which entries close next Monday night.

NATIONAL COURSING ASSOCIATION.

The first annual meeting of the above association was held at the Metropolitan Hotel on Wednesday night. Mr. R. Coombes occupied the chair. Among the clubs represented at the meeting were—City, Parkes, Bathurst, Bega, Candelo, Goulburn, Bombala, Orange, and Wagga. The Bathurst club intimated that its amalgamation with Orange was almost an established fact, and suggested that the Waterloo Stakes be run for at Orange, especially as there was a good supply of hares in that locality. It was presumed that Carcoar, Cowra, Forbes, and other clubs would affiliate. The balance-sheet was adopted, and the following officers were elected:—Patron, the Governor; president, Mr. R. Coombes; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. B. Brown, P. A. Lambe, J. Weir, and A. Knox, M.L.A. A motion for the increase of the metropolitan committee from seven to 10 was lost, and the following nominations were received:—Messrs. Taylor, Dawson, Wardell, Briggs, Williams, Fulton, Cowen, Warren, Maguire, and Oliphant. The ballot will be taken at the next meeting. Mr. G. Davis was elected secretary and treasurer, and the retiring officers were accorded votes of thanks. It was mentioned that Albury and Muswellbrook would probably join the association.

N.S.W. BOWLING ASSOCIATION.

At a meeting of the above, held at the Hotel Australia on Wednesday night, Mr. John Young occupied the chair. It was resolved that members of the Brighton Club be allowed to take part in the association fixtures.

AQUATICS.

INTERCOLONIAL SAILING CARNIVAL.

Another event in connection with the above carnival was decided yesterday afternoon, viz., the 18ft. championship, in which two Queensland craft and eight New South Wales representatives took part. The result was a win for the New South Wales boat Rosamond, sailed by Chris. Webb, with the Queensland champion Britannia, sailed by A. Earle, second, and Yvonne, in charge of her owner, W. Golding, third. The Thalia finished third, but was disqualified for a slight touch with Stella near the Lightship. The race was an excellent one throughout, Britannia being in a place during the whole course. The prizes were—first, £20 (which carried the championship); second, £10; and third, £5, presented by the Johnstone's Bay Sailing Club, under whose auspices the race was run. The course was from off Fort Denison, round Lightship and flag off Sow and Pigs, Shark Island, Fort Denison, back round Shark Island, and back to Fort Denison. The boats, owners, and skippers were:—

Official No.	Boat.	Owner.	Sailed by
	QUEENSLAND.		
74	Britannia	H. Anderson	A. Earle
32	Vera	J. H. Whereat	S. Sandberg
	NEW SOUTH WALES.		
30	Australian	S. Williams	C. Harrison
33	Young George	G. Holmes, sen.	G. Holmes, jun.
35	Rosamond	R. Stephens	Chris. Webb
39	Stella II.	E. Dearing	G. Ellis
44	Olinda	T. H. Snowden	T. Colebrook, sen.
48	Yvonne	W. H. Golding	W. H. Golding
51	Inez	F. Doran	F. Doran
52	Thalia	E. G. Abrahams	W. Read

To a splendid start the boats were despatched about half-past 3 o'clock, Britannia being the first to cross the line, though to leeward, the others to get away best being Rosamond, Yvonne, and Inez, all being on the starboard tack. The tide was ebb, and the wind E.S.E. The lightship was rounded as follows:—Thalia, 4h. 2m. 40s.; Britannia, 4h. 2m. 57s.; Stella, 4h. 2m. 59s.; Olinda, 4h. 4m. 5s.; Yvonne, 4h. 4m. 12s.; Rosamond, 4h. 4m. 18s.; Inez, 4h. 4m. 50s.; Vera, 4h. 5m. 18s.; Australian, 4h. 5m. 25s.; and Young George, 4h. 6m. 22s. At Shark Island the times were:—Stella, 4h. 21m. 1s.; Thalia, 4h. 21m. 6s.; Britannia, 4h. 21m. 15s.; Olinda, 4h. 22m. 3s.; Yvonne, 4h. 22m. 23s.; Rosamond, 4h. 22m. 33s.; Inez, 4h. 23m. 8s.; Australian, 4h. 24m. 6s.; Vera, 4h. 24m. 18s.; and Young George, 4h. 24m. 55s. At the Fort the times were:—Stella, 4h. 37m. 40s.; Britannia, 4h. 37m. 42s.; Thalia, 4h. 37m. 51s.; Rosamond, 4h. 38m. 28s.; Yvonne, 4h. 38m. 35s.; Inez, 4h. 38m. 58s.; Vera, 4h. 40m. 43s.; Australian, 4h. 41m. 3s.; Young George, 4h. 41m. 8s. Rosamond and Britannia held the lead to the island pile light; but in working up to the flagmark on the southern side Thalia crossed Yvonne, and reached the mark the same time as Britannia, the times squaring away for home being—Rosamond, 5h. 8m. 20s.; Thalia and Britannia, 5h. 9m. 21s.; Yvonne, 5h. 10m. 9s.; Stella, 5h. 10m. 17s.; Inez, 5h. 10m. 52s.; Vera, 5h. 13m. 15s.; Australian, 5h. 17m. 51s. Young George retired. All kites were set for the run home, Britannia setting jibtopsail over her spinnaker. She soon passed and left Thalia, and was crawling up to Rosamond, which she however could not overtake. The finishing times were:—Rosamond, 5h. 25m. 6s.; Britannia, 5h. 25m. 51s.; Thalia, 5h. 26m. 49s.; Yvonne, 5h. 27m. 30s.; Stella, 5h. 27m. 32s.; Inez, 5h. 29m. 20s.; Vera, 5h. 30m. 48s.; Australian, 5h. 31m. 20s. Thalia having been disqualified for having touched Britannia, Stella secures third place. The winner is a large specimen of the 18ft. class, built a couple of years ago by R. Stephens. She did nothing when first built, but having been properly fitted out this season has a very fair record. Notwithstanding it being an off day several steamers followed the race, crowded with spectators, as also did a number of sailing and rowing craft. The officials were the same as in last Saturday's event—starter, Mr. S. Boyd; umpire, Mr. J. Fitzsimons; timekeeper, Mr. F. J. Donovan; and judge, Mr. R. Yeend. The prizes were presented at Her Majesty's Theatre last night by the Mayor of Sydney.

FORSTER, Wednesday.

The Cape Hawke regatta took place over the usual course on the 25th and 26th instant. Over 1200 were present, including Mr. Price, M.L.A. for Gloucester. There was fine weather, but the strong N.E. wind resulted in several capsizes. A concert and a ball were held the first evening. The results were as follow:—

FIRST DAY.—Novice Handicap, 10 starters (amateur): Nipper, 1; Jaberan, 2. Local Race, 10 starters (amateur): Nipper, 1; Percy, 2. Skiff Race, six starters (amateur): Young Jim, 1.

SECOND DAY.—Three-handed Race, seven starters: Young Jim, 1; Percy, 2. Big Boat Race, six starters: Echo, 1; Nipper, 2; Tootee, 3. All-comers' Race, six starters: Nipper, 1; Olga, 2.

THE STRATHFIELD INSTITUTION FOR THE BLIND.

The annual general meeting in connection with the above institution was held at the rooms of the Young Men's Christian Association last night. Mr. J. Plummer was in the chair. The report stated that the operations of the society continued to be very successful. The home teaching department was under the society's teacher, Mr. H. S. Prescott; and Mrs. H. S. Prescott continued to act as hon. secretary and hon. superintendent of the Industrial Home and Retreat department. The statement of accounts showed a credit balance for the year of £15 15s.

On the motion of the Rev. T. W. Dunn, seconded by Mr. E. W. Molesworth, the report and balance-sheet were adopted. Special mention was made of the liberality of the late Mr. Finch, who had left a legacy of £220 14s 5d to the society, and to the kindness of Mrs. Prescott, who had been instrumental in obtaining an addition to the grounds at the home.

It was resolved, on the motion of the Rev. H. Clark, that this meeting accord its hearty thanks to those who have generously contributed to the institution in the past, and cordially recommends it to the liberal support and sympathy of the public in the future.

The officers for the past year were re-elected.

During the evening musical items were given by the pupils of the institution.

DEPUTATIONS.

Yesterday a deputation from Bankstown, consisting of the Mayor (Mr. J. P. Miller) and Aldermen Kelly, Eldridge, and Mitchell, and also Messrs. Pudney, Kemp, and Anderson, of the East Hills Progress Association, introduced by Mr. Parkes, M.L.A., waited on the Minister for Education, to ask for the erection of a weather-shed for the children at the Bankstown South school, and for an improvement in the water supply to the school.

The Minister, in reply, said the policy of the department was not to erect weather-sheds, the large verandahs provided by the department serving the purpose very well. He would have the water supply attended to.

HELIDON SPA WATER recommended to all Athletes stimulates the nerves. Tooth and Co., agents.—[ADVT.]

MUNICIPAL NOMINATIONS.

ANNANDALE.—As aldermen: Messrs. John Young, George H. Smith, William J. Ferris, John T. Maxwell, Edward I. Aitken, William Bull, and I. Reginald Cohen. As auditors: Messrs. R. F. Hooke, J. T. Finlay, and Percy Johnstone.

BALMAIN.—As Aldermen—North-east Ward: J. J. Wheeler and Alfred Settree. South-East Ward: Wm. Moffitt Burns, J.P., Wm. Burt, and C. Taylor. North Ward: W. W. Williams, David Fealy, and David H. Easton. South-West Ward: Matthew H. Cohen, James Johnston, and Leonard Green. As auditors: Messrs. Wm. A. Burt and Alex. Ross Kerr (unopposed).

BEGA.—As Aldermen: Messrs. Bland, Murphy, Parsons, W. Manning, and Cansdell. For the extraordinary vacancy: Mr. Notely.

BLAYNEY.—As aldermen: Jacob Russert, I. J. Clements, Robert Stinson, Ernest Rudolf Clark. As auditors: T. Neasmith, W. J. Barratt.

BRAIDWOOD.—As aldermen: J. W. Bunn, J. M'Donald, W. F. Bundock (retiring aldermen, no opposition).

COBAR.—As aldermen: Neil Morrison, John Hunt, J. N. Walton, Thomas Smith, Robert Kinkead, and T. E. Farquhar. As auditors: W. Williams and E. E. Cox.

CUDAL.—As aldermen: John Kidd, William Cragie. As auditors: H. T. A. Shield, Harry Carman.

CUDGEGONG.—Ex-aldermen Rheinberg and Reuben Mills, Messrs. William Abernethy, William Grant, and George Stewart.

FORBES.—As Aldermen: Messrs. Rowley, Baldock, and Calder (retiring aldermen), and Dr. M'Donnell and Mr. James Murphy, also nominated.

GERRINGONG.—Aldermen Taylor, Blow, and Moffit, who retire by effluxion of time, are the only persons nominated.

GRAFTON.—Additional nominations—As aldermen: South Ward, F. W. Garen, A. M'Lobban, P. Kritsch; West Ward, S. See.

GRANVILLE.—As aldermen—East Ward: Frederick Bowden, James M. Hewatt. South Ward: Joseph Hickey, Frederick Duncum, Robert Fergus Ritchie. North Ward: John R. Palmer. West Ward: John Mahoney, Charles Brackley. As auditors: Frederick William Barlow, Alexander M'Gill.

GUNNEDAH.—As aldermen Messrs. Curley, Hogarth, W. Pritchard, H. Pike, sen., Kahl, O'Neill, T. B. Roberts, and Tindall. Three vacancies. For the extraordinary vacancy: Messrs. Roberts, O'Neill, Bell, J. Pritchard. For auditors: Messrs. Fawcett, King, Launders.

JAMBEROO.—As aldermen: Thomas Fredericks, Ebenezer Cole, and George Somerville, re-elected without opposition.

KEMPSEY.—Messrs. W. G. Trees, W. T. Dangar, P. O'Halloran, A. H. Scard. For Auditors: Messrs. E. G. Kinghorn, J. A. Winney, and F. Appleyard.

KIAMA.—As aldermen: William Grey, Cornelius Leggatt, Richard Henry Holden, Samuel Smith Wells, Thomas Love, John M'Caffrey, William Kelly, George Prott, William Carson, and Walter Cornford.

LEICHHARDT.—As aldermen—Norton Ward: Benjamin R. Moore, J.P. Wentworth Ward: E. C. Neal and Franz Vold. Kendall Ward: William H. Wragge, J.P. Cook Ward: George Dyer, Robert Millett, and J. Lonsdale. As auditors: J. W. Ayling and J. G. Rigg.

MOLONG.—Messrs. William Henry Couch, Samuel Henry Marsden Betts, Joshua Zilbrook, John Grana, sen., Horace Walford, Meard, S. F. H. Lane, and J. Nelson have been elected unopposed as auditors.

MUDGEE.—Ex-aldermen Meares, Macfarlane, and Little, and Messrs. Thomas Atkinson, Osborne, Morris, Dr. Nickoll, Lawrence Cohen, and Eugene Daly.

NARRABRI.—As aldermen—North Ward: Mr. Maurice Saunders. South Ward: Messrs. A. Stafford and H. A. Fairleigh. Dangar Ward: Messrs. G. Williams and H. A. Fairleigh.

QUEANBEYAN.—As aldermen: Messrs. Downey and Grady (retiring aldermen) and Messrs. Firth, Davis, Wright, and Hinckesman.

SILVERTON.—As aldermen—Aldermen Sweetman, Mitchell, and Clarke (retiring aldermen) elected unopposed.

WILLOUGHBY.—As aldermen—Chatswood Ward: N. F. Gibbin, G. S. Jenkins, James Loutit. Naremburn Ward: Samuel Butcher. Middle Harbour Ward: George Francis Bailey, George Cochrane. As auditors: Albert Henry Ford, William N. Culbertson, H. J. Greville.

PATHETIC SHOOTING CASE.

SISTER KILLED BY BROTHER.

CORAKI, Thursday.

Particulars of the shocking shooting fatality show that a William M'Donald, of Mooneba, left home about 8 in the morning with a bullock jinker, leaving four children at home. Shortly afterwards the eldest boy, 10½ years old, took a loaded gun hanging high up on the wall to shoot a crow. His younger sister, 20 months old, was standing near. He accidentally pulled the trigger, and the charge, striking his sister, took the top of her head off. He picked her up, and after unsuccessfully trying to stop the bleeding, carried her seven miles to his father, following the jinker tracks. The mother had been in Coraki the previous day, and came home immediately after the boy had left.

SUNDAY LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

A public meeting was held last evening in the Temperance Hall, Pitt-street, under the auspices of the Women's Christian Temperance Union, for the purpose of protesting against the proposal that public-houses should be allowed to open on Sundays. Mrs. Courtenay Smith presided, and associated with her on the platform were Mrs. J. A. Nolan, Mrs. C. Ward, Mrs. Ardill, the Rev. F. B. Boyce, and Mr. T. Glover. Apologies for non-attendance were received from the Rev. J. Walker, Mr. F. B. M'Lean, M.L.A., Mr. J. Baxster, M.L.A., Mr. S. T. Whiddon, M.L.A., and the Rev. C. Graham. Mrs. Nolan submitted a resolution to the effect that the meeting was of opinion that the proposal to open public houses on Sunday would injure the life of the community commercially, socially, morally, and religiously. This was seconded by the Rev. F. B. Boyce, supported by Mrs. Ward, and carried unanimously. Mr. T. W. Glover moved, and Mrs. Ardill seconded, a motion,—"That in the opinion of this meeting a bill to ensure more effective Sunday closing should be passed by Parliament." This was also carried by acclamation. Miss Hayman having sung "The Christ Child" with considerable expression, the proceedings closed with a vote of thanks to Mrs. Courtenay Smith for presiding over the meeting.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

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Custom-house.—Entered outward: January 28. Steinfurt (s.), 3342 tons, Captain Truelsen, for Hamburg; Mary L. Cushing, ship, 1575 tons, Captain Pendleton, for Hongkong; Fanny Kerr, ship, 2286 tons, Captain Gibbons, for San Francisco, via Newcastle; J. L. Skolfield, ship, [illegible] tons, Captain J. Williams, for Mauritius; Ranelagh (s.), 836 tons, Captain T. L. Johnstone, for Rockhampton, via ports; Framnes (s.), 1498 tons, for Fremantle, via ports; Mararoa (s.), 2465 tons, Captain H. W. H. Chatfield, for Wellington; Tanais (s.), 1734 tons, Captain E. [illegible], for Noumea.

The Indraghiri is to sail early on Saturday morning for Auckland.

The Framnes is to be floated into Mort's Dock to-day for cleaning and painting.

The Olga was yesterday towed to Baltic Wharf, and the J. W. Wendt to Central Wharf.

The Oregon is to berth at Russell's wharf to-day.

Captain Paulson reports that the Rosedale crossed out of the Bellinger at 2 a.m. on the 27th, and entered the Heads at 9 a.m. on the 28th. Experienced light north-east winds to Newcastle, thence to arrival fresh southerly wind and rough sea.

Captain T. Law Johnstone reports that the Ranelagh left Brisbane at 3.45 p.m. 26th instant, cleared Cape Moreton at 8.45 p.m. same date, passed South Solitary at 1.5 p.m. 27th instant, entered Sydney Heads at 11 a.m. 28th instant, and subsequently berthed at company's wharf. Experienced E.S.E. to S.S.W. winds to North Solitary, thence light northerly winds to Port Stephens, thence moderate southerly winds to arrival.

Captain Farrell, of the Electra, reports crossing the Port Macquarie bar at 2.15 p.m. of the 27th instant, and arrived in Sydney at 8 a.m. of the 28th.

Captain G. Walker reports that the steamer Allowrie left Eden on the 27th instant, at 8 a.m., calling at Merimbula, Tathra, and Bermagui, leaving the latter place at 8.45 p.m., entered Sydney Heads on the 28th, at 3.10 p.m., and arrived at the company's wharf at 3.40 p.m. Experienced light easterly winds and fine weather throughout.

Captain C. E. Saunders reports that the Birksgate left Sydney at 6 p.m. on the 7th January, Noumea at 7 a.m. on the 15th, Suva at 6 a.m. on the 19th, Levuka at 6 a.m. on the 20th, and Suva at noon on the 21st. Experienced strong north-easterly winds and high head sea, with dull, rainy weather, to Noumea; thence to Suva moderate to fresh N.E. winds, with moderate sea and fine weather. From Suva light to fresh east to S.E. winds, with moderate sea and fine weather to Middleton Reef; thence moderate variable winds till approaching the coast; thence fresh southerly wind, with fine weather to arrival.

THE MAIL STEAMERS.

The R.M.S. Rome, hence 21st December, arrived at Suez on the 25th instant.

The R.M.S. Australia, hence 7th December, arrived at Plymouth on the 25th instant.

The R.M.S. Himalaya arrived at Colombo on the 28th instant. The R.M.S. Massilia, from London 31st December, left Colombo for Australia the 26th instant.

The German mail steamer Prinz Regent Luitpold, from Bremen 20th December, left Albany yesterday for Adelaide.

MELBOURNE WOOL SALES.

The Melbourne Woolbrokers' Association reported by telegraph last night that the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Melbourne, held their usual sale yesterday (Thursday), when they offered a catalogue of 3100 bales. There was a good attendance of buyers, and competition was keen at full late rates. Greasy sold up to 8¼d, and scoured to 14½d. Among the sales were:—Greasy: FB over FF, JT over Y, from Germanton, fleece at 8¼d; Menus, from Tumberumba, fleece at 8¼d; [illegible], combing at 8¼d, clothing at 7½d, pieces at 7¼d, [illegible] from Young, crossbred at 7½d, combing at 7¾d; Kildrummie, from Germanton, crossbred at 7¼d; [illegible] over Coltowa, from Wilcannia, fleece at 7½d; Tyrie, from Dandaloo, fleece at 7d; [illegible], from Nymagee, [illegible] 6½d. Scoured: Thornleigh, from Rockhampton, [illegible] 14½d; Conoble, from Hillston, combing at 14d; [illegible]; Mount Stewart, from Milparinka, combing at 12½d, clothing at [illegible]; Plains, from Gilgunnia, combing at 11½d; Bayrick, from Murweh, from Charleville, dingy at 11½d. Bayrick, [illegible] ngathelia, pieces at 10½d. At the sale both yesterday and to-day a number of Sydney operators were present owing to the fact that the season was concluded in their centre.

Messrs. Dalgety and Co. resumed their wool sales to-day, and offered 1450 bales, comprising principally clips from the Gippsland district of Victoria and from Tasmania, and the south-east of South Australia. There was a large attendance of buyers, including several Sydney representatives, and competition all round was very active, all descriptions being in strong demand, crossbreds in particular having apparently returned to favour. As compared with the prices ruling at the beginning of this month, the market to-day may be quoted a shade better and fully equal to the closing rates of December. They obtained up to 9d for greasy merinos and up to 15d for a nice lot of scoured merinos. Including private sales, they have sold since last auction 2700 bales.

MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

A continued absence of life was apparent in the Stock and Share market. Quotations were generally strong. Union Bank were ¼ higher, Australian Joint Stock receding 1s 6d. Bank deposits remained as last quoted. Steam were unaltered, North Coast having buyer ex div. at 15s. Insurance, gaslight, and brewery shares also continued steady, no business transpiring. Broken Hill Water Supply advanced 9d, Sydney Hydraulic being firmer, others unaltered.

On the Sydney Stock Exchange the following sales were reported:—At 1 o'clock: A.J.S. Bank, 15s; Bank of New South Wales, 34¾; Eagle Tobacco, 5s. At 4 o'clock: Permanent Trustee, 1s 11d; Sydney Hydraulic, 20s; Fresh Food and Ice, 20s. The closing quotations were:—

Company.	Capital paid up.	Amount of Shares.	Shares paid up.	Last Div. per annum.	Last Sale.	Buyer.	Seller.
	£	£	£	p.c.			
N.S.W. Funded Stock Act 1892	2,298,610			4	112	112	...
Ditto Act 1873	530,180			4	112	114	...
Ditto Deb., 1909	230,300			5	100	108¼	112½
Ditto Deb., 1904					108⅞	...	...
N.Z. Deb., 1915	300,000			4	104¾	...	...
Colonial Sugar—							
Deb. 1914	...			5	102½	...	...
Deb. 1899	...			5½	104	...	...
Deb. 1898				5½	102½	...	...
Mt. Lyell Deb.	150,000				100	...	...
BANKS.							
Australasia	1,600,000	40	40	5			
Australian J. S.	1,196,022	10	7½		15/	...	16/9
Ditto	240,000	10	8	4	83/	...	85/
New Issue	160,000	10	8	4	77/6	...	77/6
Com. of Aus. pref.	2,115,500	10	10				
Com. of Syd.	1,000,000	25	12½	8	24¼	24	24¾
N. S. Wales	1,943,989	20	20	9	34¾	34½	35
Ditto, New				9			
Q'land National	936,782	8	6				
Union	1,500,000	75	25	5	25	25¼	26¼
DEPOSITS.							
A.J.S. Bank, Negotiable	5,000,000				14/	12/	15/
Ditto, Inscribed	391,141				12/		12/
Com. of Aus. A series, 1896	5,525,000				15/7	...	...
E.S. & A. series					15/	...	...
Ditto, Term'ble	517,000				19/	18/1½	...
Ditto, Debentures	1,017,248				17/4½	17/	...
Inac., pref.	1,000,000				12/3	13/	...
Ditto, def.	1,000,000					11/	...
Nat. of Aust.	3,265,620				19/7½	...	...
Q'land National	6,918,000				15/		—
STEAM.							
Illawarra	58,000	5	3½	8¼	5½	5¼	...
N. and H. R.	160,000	1	1	6	18/	18/	...
North Coast x d	121,743	1	17/6	6	15/	15/	...
N. S. Ferry	60,000	1	1	10	41/6	41/6	...
Port Jackson	54,640	5	60/		5/		5/
INSURANCE.							
A. M. Fire	25,000	1	5/	25	18/3	18/	...
City M. Fire	15,000	1	2/	10		2/8	...
Mer. Mut.	20,270	1	3/6	25	8/3	8/3	...
New Zealand	200,000	10	2	12½	70/6	69/	72/
United	62,500	10	2½	17½	85/	80/	85/
Ditto New	3,725	10	12/6	12½	18/6		
GAS.							
Australian	681,790	6	6	9	16	16	16½
City Goulburn	10,000	1	1	15	47/	...	48/
Grafton	8,000	1	1	8	23/2½	23/	25/
Manly	15,000	1	1	7	23/6	22/6	24/
Mudgee	8,000	1	1	6	19/9	18/	20/
Newcastle	25,127	2	2	12½	96/	90/	...
North Shore	85,328	1	1	6	24/	23/	...
Ditto, New			10/	6			
BREWERIES.							
Australian	86,000	1	1	5	15/	15/	16/
Castlemaine and Wood Bros.	250,000	1	1	5	17/9	17/6	18/
Marshall's	21,250	10	5/		4/6	4/3	4/6
Perkins's	56,800	15	15/	10	23/8		
Tooth's	900,000	1	1	7	22/	21/9	22/3
Lager Beer	5,000	1	1				
Ditto ditto	40,000	1	10/		10/3	...	...
MISCELLANEOUS.							
Aarons	17,500	15	10/	5	4/	...	4/
B.H.W. Sup.	186,500	1	1	10	14/3	13/9	...
Burns, Philp	280,000	1	1	7½	24/6	24/	25/
Ditto	17,500	1	5/	7½			
Col. Sugar	1,702,000	20	20	10	26¾	26¼	27
Dalgety Co.	1,000,000	20	5	8		4/	
Eagle Tobacco	71,500	13	13		5/	4/11	5/1
Emu Gravel	34,000	1	1	2½	4/6	4/	...
Fresh Fd & Ice	108,000	1	18/	10	20/	...	...
Harrison, Jones and Devlin	50,000	1	1	8	22/6	...	...
Ditto	50,000	1	10/	8	10/6	...	...
Mah. Tramway	480,000	1	10/	5		...	...
Mort & Prior	73,992	1	1	10	35/	33/	34/
Perm. Trustee	25,000	5	2/6	4	1/11	1/10	2/
Pet. Trustee x d	25,000	10	5/	6	7/6	6/3	
Mort's Dock	150,000	1	1	6			
Richardson and Wrench	60,000	1	1	5	9/9	...	9/9
Shale & Oil x d	78,000	1	15/		7/	...	6/6
Silv. Tram	197,800	1	1	50	91/6	90/	90/
Syd. Exchange	30,000	10	10	7	14½	14¼	
Syd. Hydraulic	75,000	1	10/	7½	20/	19/9	20/6
Syd. Tramway	...						
Vic. Land Orders	...				125	...	...
LAND & BUILD.							
Aust. M. Inv. and B. Dep.	...				1/1	—	...
Cos. Build & In.	...	...			...	...	...
Eqn. Land In. and B. Dep.	...						
Haymarket Dep.	...				13/	12/6	...
Fed. Build. Dep.	...					...	...
Industrial Prov.	...			6	15½	...	...
Intercolonial	31,713	20/	15	10	10/	...	...
Nat. B. Land & Invest. Dep.	...				...	...	...
Sydney Freehold	...					7/9	...
Sydney and Suburban Deposit	...					10/6	

At the annual general meeting of members of the Sydney Stock Exchange, held to-day, the following office-bearers and committee were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. A. L. Mullens, chairman; Mr. Felix Randle, of Messrs. Randle and Willis, as hon. secretary; and Messrs. J. R. Jones, L. P. Bain, W. Soutar, T. J. Thompson, E. L. Davis, F. S. Hall, as committee.

The Menmuir left to-day for Hongkong with gold to the value of £1850, shipped by Chinese.

The cable message received from London to-day generally confirms the statements of higher prices paid for good wool suited for the American market.

The Banks' Exchange Settlement for the week ended on Monday amounted to £2,357,773 19s 8d, as compared with £1,888,525 0s 7d in the corresponding week of 1896. Since the beginning of the year the amounts of the settlements have been as follows:—

1896.		1897.	
To Jan. 20	£6,884,722	To Jan. 18	£6,090,480
Jan. 21 to 27	1,888,527	Jan. 19 to 25	2,357,774
Total	£8,773,249	Total	£8,448,254

Allowing for the shorter period covered, the clearances show a large increase, and a still larger one as compared with 1895, when to 28th January the total clearances amounted to £8,284,595.

The principal figures of the average liabilities and assets in New South Wales of the undermentioned banks for the past quarter are as follow, the corresponding items for the previous quarter being given in brackets:—

AUSTRALIAN JOINT STOCK BANK.—Notes in circulation, £139,866 [£125,396]; deposits not bearing interest, £608,090 [£592,097]; deposits bearing interest, £3,074,708 [£3,106,925]; coin and bullion, £576,296 [£553,595]; advances, £6,221,057 [£6,305,069].

BANK OF NEW ZEALAND.—Notes in circulation, £6127 [£6702]; deposits not bearing interest, £73,765 [£84,750]; deposits bearing interest, £67,928 [£73,896]; coin and bullion, £36,691 [£185,461]; advances, £306,404 [£338,904].

The half-yearly report of the Australian Joint Stock Bank furnishes indications of the pressure of the high interest rates paid on the original deferred deposits, of which the chairman said £3,109,400 were held in Australia and £1,875,800 in Great Britain, making a total of £4,985,200. Mainly in consequence of this, instead of a profit of £20,628 shown in the previous half-year, there was a loss of £48,200. In reduction of this loss there was the balance of £21,264 from last half-year's accounts, leaving £26,935 to be written off the old reserve fund. The principal figures of the balance-sheet compare with those of the two preceding half-years as follows:—

—	Dec. 31, 1895.	June 30, 1896.	Dec. 31, 1896.
LIABILITIES.	£	£	£
Capital paid-up	1,165,298	1,166,022	1,166,535
Reserve	48,000	50,000	52,000
Net Profit	* 25,825	20,628	—
Notes in circulation	155,941	129,615	148,096
Deposits, current accounts	1,052,467	990,715	940,940
Fixed deposits of old bank, extended to December, 1901	6,315,460	5,368,169	4,985,214
Fixed deposits, extended to 1907, and new deposits	481,140	915,540	1,081,285
Inscribed stock deposits	391,141	391,141	390,387
ASSETS.			
Coin and bullion	1,035,992	804,092	804,500
Government securities and other cash items	827,381	611,966	580,878
Bills, &c.	7,577,218	7,480,780	7,179,357
Bank premises	450,913	450,807	448,244

The bank has effected a further reduction of £382,925 on the amount of its high-priced deposits, of which £165,665 is represented in the deposits extended for 10 years at a lower rate of interest, a movement in the right direction. But the impossibility of doing more in this way except by a special arrangement had become so manifest that the Hon. W. Long, the chairman of the bank, is now in England with the object of effecting one. The balance of the reserve fund of the old bank is now required to cover losses arising through necessarily reduced valuations, and it is extremely fortunate that it is available for this object. This and a reduction of 1½ per cent. on the £5,000,000 deferred deposits and their extension for a further period are provisions which, if granted, should soon tell favourably on the company's balance-sheets. An increase in the coin and cash reserves as compared with a reduction in the liabilities shows that attention has been given to the maintenance of a strong banking position.

The fifteenth half-yearly meeting of Richardson and Wrench, Limited, was held this morning at the company's offices, Mr. R. P. Richardson (chairman) presiding. The report of the operations showed an amount of £1619 for distribution. A dividend at the rate of 4 per cent. per annum was declared, absorbing £1200, and £419 was carried forward to next half-year. Messrs. H. E. Russell and W. Rigg were re-elected auditors. A vote of thanks to the directors and staff was carried, and the meeting terminated.

At the half-yearly meeting of the Perpetual Trustee Company to-day, under the presidency of Mr. Richard Jones, the report, of which we have already given a summary, was adopted. Mr. T. H. Kelly as director, and Messrs. J. E. Bowes and H. C. D'Ardier as auditors, were re-elected.

The half-yearly meeting of the Emu Gravel and Road Metal Company was held to-day. The report showed that the net profits for the half-year, including £101 brought forward, and after making provision for bad and doubtful debts, amounted to £621, which the directors recommended should be appropriated: To the payment of a dividend of 3d per share, £425; to depreciation of plant, £100; leaving a balance to carry forward of £96. The report was adopted, and Messrs. T. F. Thompson and Hugh Miller, the retiring directors, and Mr. W. Clarke, the retiring auditor, were re-elected.

At the usual half-yearly meeting of Aarons's Exchange Hotel Company to-day, Mr. T. H. Kelly presiding, the report was adopted, a dividend at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum being paid.

The Southern Insurance Company's half-yearly report to 31st December last shows net premiums amounting to £19,763; interest and rent, £2091. Marine losses had amounted to £21,709, the credit balance standing at £25,495, as compared with £27,017 brought forward from the previous half-year. The directors recommended the payment of a dividend at the rate of 10 per cent. per annum, which will absorb £2500, leaving £22,995 to be carried forward. To meet the requirements of the Victorian Companies Act, £15,000 had been transferred from the reserve fund to a special reinsurance fund for contingent liabilities under policies current, and £5000 had been applied towards a mortgage and real estate depreciation fund.

The imports into Sydney for the week ended 23rd January amounted to £294,517, against £308,150 in the corresponding week of 1896; the exports were £448,356, against £449,179 in 1896. Since the beginning of the year the trade has been as follows:—

	1896.	1897.	Increase or Decrease.
IMPORTS.			
Merchandise	£1,033,228	£1,108,674	Inc. £75,446
Gold	277,068	107,648	Dec. 169,420
Total	£1,310,296	£1,216,322	Dec. £93,974
EXPORTS.			
Merchandise	£1,132,081	£1,400,456	Inc. £268,375
Gold	24,330	89,083	Inc. 64,753
Total	£1,156,411	£1,489,539	Inc. £333,128

The export business since the beginning of the year has been unusually brisk, showing an increase of fully 25 per cent. on the figures at the corresponding period of last year, when allowance is made for extra days included in last year's figures. Probably there will be some reduction in this proportion of increase as the year extends.

IMPORT MARKET.

General business in the Import market was devoid of buoyancy to-day; no changes in prices were noticed.

Breadstuffs.—No change occurred to-day. Flour remained at £12 10s to £13, at which rates fair sales were made.

New Zealand advices continue of an adverse character. In some places only small patches of grain have come to head, and the supply is likely to be insufficient for the growers' own needs. From other localities more favourable reports have been received, but the drought has generally been severely felt.

Sugar.—Mauritius sold readily at £20 10s for best, with 10s more where re-bagging has been effected. Queensland sorts were in short supply.

Tea.—Messrs. Alfred Harvey and Co. held an auction sale of tea at the Chamber of Commerce Saleroom this afternoon. The market proved somewhat depressed, especially as regards Indian. The small Ceylon catalogue, comprising 170 packages, on account of Dalgety and Co., Limited, was disposed of at from 7d to 9½d. Only 54 packages of Mr. M. Baar's catalogue of Indians and Ceylons was sold at up to 8½d per lb.

Groceries.—Trade parcels alone changed hands, heavy parcels receiving no attention. Skeena River salmon moved off at 6s; Horseshoe, 5s 3d; Moir's fresh herrings, 3s 9d; Smith's ditto, 3s 4½d; Edwards's ditto, 3s 4½d; Maconochie's ditto, 3s 6d; kippered ditto, Moir's, 5s 7½d; Maconochie's, 5s 6d. Herrings in tomato sauce—Moir's 6s; Maconochie's ditto, 5s 6d. Kynsett's oysters sold at 3s 9d. Pickles changed hands steadily, Rowat's at 4s 9d; Morton's, 6s 7½d; Whybrow's London, 6s; Gillard's, 12s 6d; and Odart's, 12s 6d. Sauces also sold well, Lea and Perrin's half-pints at 10s 10½d; Gillard's, 4s 6d; Holbrook's half-pints 4s, pints 6s; Rowat's half-pints 2s 9d, pints 4s. Fair-sized parcels of D.R.O. candles sold at 5d.

Liquors.—Hennessy's brandy had a somewhat better tendency at 34s to 34s 3d for one-star, and 45s to 45s 3d for three-star. Renault's moved off steadily. Key Geneva was also, through advancing freights, rather stronger on spot. Sales were effected at 10s 9d, but some difficulty might be experienced in getting supplies at this figure to arrive a little way off. Gilbey's dry gin and Silverstream schnapps had the usual attention. Usher's O.V.G. and S.R. whisky moved off freely at ruling rates. Fifty cases of Jeffrey's ale sold at 6s 9d.

Hardware.—In this department rather more activity was displayed. Seventy-two tons of galvanised hoop iron moved off on private terms for extended delivery. Sales covering 40 tons of Blackwall G.C. iron changed hands at £15 10s for assortments; 20 tons each of No. 8 and 10 fencing wire at £8 7s 6d and £8 17s 6d to arrive; Whitecross fencing wire remained at £9 for No. 8 and £9 5s for No. 10. Ten tons of zinc spelter sold at £22 10s. Bolts and nuts were in fair demand. Three-inch pipe was scarce on spot, but a parcel has been taken to arrive at £6 5s. Wire nails, sash weights, bars, and plates met with a fair inquiry in small parcels. Tinplates were neglected and quotations nominal. The general ironmongery trade continued rather good. Blasting powder moved off freely. 200 casks of tested Hemmoor cement sold at 11s.

Jute Goods.—Business was small and prices nominally unchanged, branbags selling at 3s 5d to arrive, and 3s 6d ex store. Cornsacks were quoted at 4s 3½d.

Oils.—A parcel of 500 cases of Motor kerosene was taken for export at 9d f.o.b. For small lots of duty-paid oil 1s 1d to 1s 1½d was asked. China remained at 2s 8d; castor in cases, 3s 3d; B. and S. linseed oil, 2s 3½d and 2s 5½d respectively for raw and boiled.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £4377. The principal items were:—

Spirits, £1527; wine, £39; ale, porter, and beer, £17; tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1052; sugar and molasses, £556; opium, £98; dried and candied fruits, £21; confectionery, £11; glucose, liquid and syrup, £58; oil, kerosene, £123; pilotage, £12; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £572; excise on beer, £290. Total, £4377.

EXPORT MARKET.

Centralisation in Butter Production.—Were it possible to arrive at the exact progress that the introduction of centralisation and the refrigerating systems have made during the past few years, one could to a nicety arrive at the actual profit that these improvements have brought to producers. A reliable authority on the subject gives it as his opinion that since exportation of butter has been resumed the quantity manufactured under the cold process has grown from about 15 per cent. to 50 per cent. of the entire production of the colony. This latter figure is considered to be an under rather than an over estimate of the changed state of things. When it is considered that at present about 200 tons of butter come down to the metropolis weekly for shipment—a quantity that would be, perhaps, doubled under the most favourable conditions of weather and season—and that each pound of this butter made under the creamery system is worth from 1d to 2d per lb. more than were it produced by the old dairy method, some idea can be gained of the advantage to farmers of refrigeration and its attendant processes. By the centralisation of supplies into large quantities the expenses are reduced, and this in part goes towards the repayment, as it were, of the capital invested in these central works. Under the system, which is now being so rapidly superseded, the farmers' family milked their own cows, and did the separating and churning, and practically took no account for the labour thus expended. Now the farmer gains in the actual quantity of butter produced, for the loss in warm weather was always heavy under the dairy system. He gets a better price and saves his own labour as well. In some districts the loss used to be put down at as high as 10 per cent., so that this alone was a consideration of some moment. On the Richmond it was a not uncommon thing during a glutted market for the farmer to get as low as ⅞d per gallon for his milk, whereas now the minimum is 2¼d per gallon.

The Fruit Season.—The Tasmanian fruit season commences somewhat earlier this season than usual, the China being the first vessel to call at Hobart for fruit. How far this will interfere with the shipment of butter yet remains to be seen.

London Tallow Market.—Prices were again without quotable change at Wednesday's tallow auctions in London. The offerings, however, were small, as also was the quantity disposed of, although the latter showed up somewhat more satisfactorily than last week. Quotations remain as follows:—Fine mutton, 21s 3d; ditto, medium, 19s 6d; beef, fine, 19s; ditto, medium, 17s 6d per cwt. For the past few weeks the quantities of tallow offered and sold, together with the prices of medium mutton and beef sorts, compare as follows:—

	Offered. Casks.	Sold. Casks.	Med. Mutton.	Med. Beef.
Dec. 2	900	102	20s 0d	18s 3d
Dec. 9	1000	725	20s 0d	18s 3d
Dec. 16	1900	900	19s 6d	18s 0d
Jan. 6	2028	1200	19s 6d	18s 0d
Jan. 13	1650	850	19s 6d	17s 6d
Jan. 20	1250	172	19s 6d	17s 6d
Jan. 27	925	525	19s 6d	17s 6d

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour to-day 377 bales of wool were manifested, 356 arrived coastwise, and 192 bales were received by rail at Newcastle yesterday.

London Wool Sales.—The following private cables have been received regarding the London wool sales:—

By Dalgety and Co., Limited.—Wool sales continue a shade firmer. American buyers are operating freely. Continental representatives are more reserved. For the bulk of greasy good and superior merino greasy crossbred wool prices are fully on a par with closing rates of last series. Values for greasy medium and inferior fleece wool, as well as for pieces, bellies, and locks, are par to ½d per lb. lower than last series prices.

By Harrison, Jones and Devlin, Limited, from Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Co.—American buyers operating freely. Compared with closing rates last London sales, wools suitable for American trade, combing greasy merino good, market advanced 5 per cent.; merino, inferior to medium, market declined 5 to 7½ per cent.; crossbred and scoured merino, extra good, market shows no change. Market irregular.

By the New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited.—Wool: Since close of last sales, greasy merino super and fine medium and coarse greasy crossbred are par to ½d per lb. higher; greasy and scoured merino, medium and inferior, fine washed and scoured crossbred, and slipe are par to ½d per lb. lower; other descriptions unchanged. For long-staple merino the American demand is good. Seedy and burry parcels and all wools of a faulty character are neglected. There is much irregularity in the bidding. The total quantity catalogued to date is 78,000 bales; the total quantity withdrawn is 9500 bales.

London Frozen Meat Market.—The N. Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report the receipt of the following cable from London:—

Mutton market sluggish. Australian mutton: Merino, 2d per lb; crossbred, 2¼d per lb. Beef market better; forequarters and hindquarters are worth 3d and 3½d per lb. respectively.

Colonial Butter in London.—The N. Z. Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, report the receipt of the following cable from London:—

Butter market weaker. Fine qualities Australian range in value from 100s to 104s per cwt.

FROZEN MEAT MARKET.

The Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, report:—Frozen Meat, London: Our latest cable information from London quotes mutton at 2d per lb. This in the face of recent cable news advising a rise in values is conflicting. Under date 24th December we are in receipt of the following news by mail:—Frozen Meat: This being Christmas week there is only a limited demand for frozen mutton, and we have no change in prices, therefore, to report. Sydney making 1s 5d to 1s 6d. Beef, however, is dearer, and hinds are making from 2s to 2s 4d, and fores 1s 8d per stone. We are making the following shipments:—S.s. Culgoa loaded a small consignment of mutton. S.s. Valetta will take 10,000 carcases from our Kirribilli Freezing Stores during present week. S.s. Port Chalmers loads 10,000 carcases February.

Chilled Meat, Sydney.—Mutton: The demand for prime quality mutton in shipping order is limited owing to low rates in England ruling at present time; nominal quotation is 1½d, very little business, however, being done at that figure. Prime shop mutton, during past week, touched 1d for wethers, ¾d for maiden ewes, other sorts correspondingly lower. We sold 1200 at quotations. Beef: Best quality bodies, 1½d per lb.; hides, 2d; fores, 1d to 1¼d; other descriptions in proportion.

COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The wheat market seems to have settled down solidly. The present level is about 5s 8d to 5s 9d, at which it is stated immediate requirements can be met by importations if the local growers refuse to part with their stocks. Quotations are firm, but unchanged, at the following rates:—Wheat, 5s 8d to 5s 9d; flour, £13 10s to £13 15s; ordinary, £14; best bran, 1s 1d; pollard, 1s 3d; oats, 2s 7d, 2s 8d (Dun.); chaff, £3 15s to £3 17s 6d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Business in the general market is fairly steady. Prices show an upward tendency. Sugars are practically without change, and in a great measure the present business is in the hands of the Refining Company, whose standard quotations have undergone no alteration. Plantation whites are valued at £14 15s to £16 5s; yellow crystals, good quality, bring £14 10s; soft yellows are worth from £13 upwards; rations are quoted from £10 to £11 10s. Flour is unaltered, from £15 15s for best Adelaide brands, £14 to £14 10s for local makes. Other brands, imported, are offering from £14 to £15. Californian flour is in very short supply.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

There was a fairly active market on the Stock Exchange to-day, and on the whole full late prices ruled in the business done. Investment stocks especially had good support and the tendency of prices was upwards. The sales reported were:—Victorian Government 4 per cent. debentures, £116; ditto, stock, £103 5s; Metropolitan Board of Works 5 per cents. (1905), £111; ditto, 4 per cents. (1913), £109 10s; E. and S. Bank, preferred inscribed stock, 13s; ditto, deferred, 11s 6d; ditto, terminable debentures, 18s 3d; National Bank ditto, 20s 2d; Colonial Bank preferred, 45s; National Bank preferred shares, £10 1s; Bank of New South Wales, £34 11s; Footscray Gas, 24s 6d; Metropolitan Gas, £7 6s (small lot); Swan Brewery, 44s 6d; Equity Trustees, 7s; Melbourne Tram and Omnibus, 10s 9d; Silverton Tram, 91s 6d; B.H. Water Supply, 14s 3d, 14s 6d; Denton Hat, paid, 21s; Mutual Store, 33s; Sydney Hydraulic, 20s 3d; Outtrim and Howitt Coal, ex div., 7s 6d.

Small lots of wheat are selling at 5s 8d to 5s 8½d. About 400 bags of medium to good barley sold at 4s to 4s 3d; Cape barley, 3s 3d to 3s 4d. Other grains dull. Chaff, 57s 6d; potatoes, £4; onions, £5 to £5 10s. At the tea auction 454 packages Ceylon were offered and 431 packages sold at 5d to 5½d. Bidding was quiet, but full late prices were realised. Other tea sales are 50 half-chests Ceylon 6½d to 7½d, and 200 half-chests Panyong 4½d to 5½d. Bluestone, £21 5s. Good business is doing in fencing wire. Castor oil is in better country demand.

THE DAIRYING INDUSTRY.

GRAFTON, Thursday.

At the annual meeting of the Grafton Dairy Company to-night, the report showed that 199,601 gallons milk had been supplied to the factory, yielding 76,784lb. of butter, which realised on an average 8 2-5d per lb., as against 7¾d of last year. Suppliers had been paid an average of 2 7-10d per gallon, amounting to £2383. The butter sales amounted to £2839. The profit on the year reached £75, from which the shareholders were paid a dividend of 5 per cent.

LISMORE, Thursday.

The New South Wales Creamery and Butter Company's factory here manufactured this month 116 tons of butter, which is believed to be the record output of any factory in the colony. On Tuesday last 5½ tons were made.

THE PRODUCE MARKETS.—THURSDAY.

TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

Nothing of importance transpired in general produce to-day. Supplies were plentiful, and the demand slow. Movements in prices were confined to a fall in onions and oaten hay. In dairy produce eggs were firm in consequence of the slackening off of supplies from all quarters.

FEED-GRAINS MARKET.

The following are the quotations:—

Maize.—Prime, 2s; weevily, 1s 3d to 1s 9d per bushel.

Oats.—Seed oats, 2s 3d to 2s 8d; local, 2s 2d to 2s 4d; New Zealand prime feed, 2s 4d; medium, 2s 3d per bushel.

Barley.—Local Cape, 2s to 2s 3d; imported Cape barley, prime seed, 2s 9d per bushel.

Peas.—Prime blue, 4s 9d; grey, 3s 6d per bushel.

Chickwheat.—Prime, 3s 9d to 4s; screenings, 3s 3d per bushel.

BREADSTUFFS.

The Associated Millers' minimum price for new patent city roller is £12 10s; some millers quote £13; old £13 per ton; Californian Starr's mills, £11 15s; Manitoba, £13; local wheat is worth 4s 10d f.o.b.; Associated Millers offer 4s 9d, Darling Harbour delivery.

FORAGE MARKET.

The current quotations were:—

Chaff.—Plentiful. Imported prime, to £4; medium from £3. Local: Prime green, £4 5s to £4 10s; ordinary prime, £4; good medium, £3 5s to £3 15s per ton.

Straw.—Local derrick-pressed up to £2 15s; Tasmanian, £2 15s; local bundled, £2 15s per ton.

Hay.—Local oaten in bundles: Prime, £3 15s; medium, £3 to £3 7s 6d per ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green, up to £2 2s 6d; good brown, £1 15s to £1 17s 6d; medium qualities, £1 12s 6d. Railway: Prime in small bales, £3; prime trusses, £2 15s; prime in large bales, £2 5s; good medium, £1 15s to £2 per ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran and pollard were in moderate request at late prices. Each was quoted at 7d per bushel.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Local: Brownells, prime, £1 15s to £2; Early Rose, £1 to £1 10s per ton. Railway: Roses, £1 10s; Brownells, £1 10s to £2; prime, to £2 10s; Circulars, prime, £3 10s to £3 17s 6d per ton.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Honey.—Plentiful, with slow sale. Garden honey, 2d to 2½d per lb.

Beeswax.—Choice, 1s to 1s 1d per lb.

Onions.—Melbourne, prime, £5 5s to £5 10s per ton.

Lard.—Finely rendered, in bladders, 4d; bulk, 3½d per lb.

DAIRY PRODUCE.

To-day's closing quotations were:—

Butter.—Good supply. Brisk demand. Finest creamery, 8d; factory, 7d to 7½d; dairy, 6d to 6½d; Berrima Co. quote finest creamery, 8d; factory, 7½d. South Coast and West Camden quote best creamery 8d, factory 7½d. Berry creamery, 8d; Laurel and Waratah creamery, 8d per lb.

Eggs.—Moderate supply. Good sale. Northern, 7½d to 8d; Southern, 9d; special lots, 10s per dozen.

Cheese.—Dull. Prime loaf, 3d to 3½d; large, 3d to 3¼d; Cheddar, 3½d to 4d; New Zealand, 4d to 4½d per lb.

Bacon and Hams.—Fair stocks. Good demand. Hand-cured, prime, 6½d; second class, 5½d to 6d; farmers' lots, 4½d; choice brands, 8d; local hams, 6d to 6½d; in cloth, 7½d to 8d; New Zealand and Queensland, choice, 9d; English, 10d per lb.

Poultry.—Fowls, 1s 6d to 2s 6d; prime, 3s to 3s 6d; ducks, 2s to 2s 6d; choice 3s; Muscovy ducks, prime, 4s; geese, 3s to 3s 6d; choice, 4s; turkeys, cocks 7s to 12s, hens 4s 6d to 5s 6d per pair.

THE WOOD MARKET.

Good supply. Slow demand. Firewood, good, 8s to 10s; inferior, 6s to 7s; bundles, good, 9s to 10s 6d; inferior, 7s to 8s; billet, good, 8s 6d to 9s; inferior, 5s to 6s; bakers' split, good, 7s to 8s; inferior, 6s to 6s 6d; large, dry, 7s to 7s 6d; green, 5s to 6s per ton.

REDFERN SALE.

At the Redfern Railway Terminus Produce markets this morning a plentiful supply of forage was submitted at auction. The accumulation of produce on the lines outside the sale shed was very heavy. Farmers, in their own interest, would do well to discontinue sending further consignments until the bulk of forage on hand has been disposed of in the usual way. A slow demand was experienced for all lines. Prime green chaff brought up to 4s 6d, and medium quality 3s 3d to 3s 9d per cwt. Derrick-pressed straw found a buyer at 2s 10d. Fairly prime oaten hay realised 3s 6d per cwt. Watermelons were in good demand at from 1s 10d to 4s 6d per dozen, according to size and quality. Pumpkins fetched 2s 3d to 3s 1s per dozen. A fairly good sale can be reported for potatoes at low prices. Brownells made 1s 6d to 3s 5d. Prime lots were scarce, the bulk offered being more or less grubby. Circulars sold well at from 1s 9d to 3s 10d per cwt.

The Chief Traffic Manager for Railways has forwarded the following letter to auctioneers doing business at Redfern, dated 27th January:—"I beg to draw your special attention to the fact that although the yard at Redfern was kept open yesterday for the delivery of produce only 24 trucks were unloaded, and the position this morning is that there are 275 trucks of produce in the yard, 155 at Clyde and Granville, and 41 more which are yet to arrive, making a total of 471 trucks under load with produce. Last week the daily average number taken delivery of was only 66, so that at that rate it will be seven working days before the present accumulation can be cleared off. I therefore deem it necessary to point out that you should at once communicate with the senders and advise them to discontinue sending forward any more produce until the present congestion has been overcome. This is a matter of very considerable importance to us, because we are incurring a large expense at the present time at Darling Harbour in discharging waggons for the purpose of providing them for outwards goods traffic, which would not be necessary were the trucks with produce promptly released." The "yesterday" referred to in the letter was Tuesday, which was a public holiday. Auctioneers stated that their carters were willing to work on that day, but produce dealers and firms refused to take delivery.

ROBERT LITTLE AND CO.—Hay, Chaff, and Produce Auctions at Redfern daily. Highest prices, immediate returns.—[ADVT.]

THE SOUTH COAST and WEST CAMDEN CO-OPERATIVE COMPANY, Limited, Sussex and Liverpool streets, Sydney. Manufacturers Choicest Creamery Butter, Live Stock and Produce Auctioneers. Sales daily at Redfern; City Live Stock Yards, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday. Warehouse, 343-345 Sussex-street.—[ADVT.]

A. Phillips, Fruit Merchant, Belmore Markets. Country customers liberally dealt with. Fruit and vegetables.—ADVT.]

Havana Tobacco: Summer Evenings.—The real perfume of Havana in Dixson's Bonanza Cigars, 4 Bonanza Cigars in packet, 6d.—[ADVT.]

HELIDON SPA WATER, a Sparkling Table Water containing Lithia. Tooth-and-Co., agents.—[ADVT.]

Appended are the proportions of the various descriptions actually submitted at to-day's sale:—Chaff, 26 trucks; hay, 4; straw, 2; oats, 1; maize, 1; pumpkins, 2; melons, 5; and potatoes, 25.

The number of trucks manifested this morning was 85, being apportioned as follows:—Chaff, 22; hay, 15; potatoes, 24; melons and pumpkins, 6; straw, 1; oats, 4; maize, 2; and turnips, 15 bags.

Among the consignees were Messrs. Ellis and Co., Dent and Perry, G. Wells, H. Prescott and Co., Robert Little and Co., Hill, Clark, and Co., John W. Gray and Co., Robert Robinson, Grimes, and Co., South Coast Company, Heaton Brothers, John Campbell, John Bridge and Co., H. M. Suttor and Co., and Inglis and Son.

The above supplies were disposed of as follows:—

Chaff.—From G. Brunskill, Wagga, (truck No. 10065 and 9824) 3s 3d; M'Kibbin, Brewongle, (4783) 3s 4d; Lynch, Cowra, (5871) passed; Thoms and Sons, Parkes, (9887) 3s; Toomer, Newbridge, (16) 3s 6d, hay 3s 7d; Purcell, Woodstock, (1864) passed; Order, (76 and 8717) passed; Mack and Austin, Orange, (10755) 3s 3d; Mackaway, Wagga, (6906) 4s 2d; A. Brunskill, (1984 and 2918) passed; W. H. and Co., Junee, (996) 3s 6d; F. Hall, Coolamon, (3356) 4s 6d; Cutler Brothers, (1124) 3s 4d; Tindale, Canningar, (3764) 3s 6d, and (3836) 3s 9d; Higgins, Branlin, (926) passed; Muller, Marrar, (3682) 4s 3d; Higgins, Brautin, (7964 and 6779) 2s 5d; Order, (3530) 2s 6d; Fowler, Monteagle, (10081) 2s 10d per cwt.; Buchanan, Junee, (5694) passed; Order, (2918) passed.

Hay.—From J. Bratley, Newbridge, (9903) 3s 5d, (3478) passed; Morris, Perth, (3357) 3s 4d; Redfern, (2724) 3s 6d; M'Lennon, (X79) 3s 6d per cwt.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: From Drew, Mudgee, (8041) 2s 10d per cwt.; Fowler, Dripstone, (4901) passed.

Oats.—From Order, (5080) passed.

Potatoes.—From W. Maitland, (9284) 24 bags branded C 1s 3d, 41 ditto 1s 2d; Mulgrave, (3591) 12 J D 3s 10d, 22 HR 1s 8d, 16 G 2s 3d, 14 A 2s; (1830) 20 JD 3s 10d, 22 F 2s 1d, 25 IXI 2s 4d; (100) 23 IH 2s 4d, (X354) 11 WS 1s 6d, 12 W 1s 8d, 15 J 2s, 11 JH 2s 5d, (4062) 13 JP 2s 2d, 15 TC 2s 3d, 22 AN 2s 3d, (8212) 28 RR passed, 14 CO 2s 10d, 18 GJ 2s 6d, 15 H 3s 3d, (2569) 13 TC passed, 19 W 2s 2d; Windsor, (9261) 17 P 2s 1d, 24 JG 1s 6d, (7308) 20 H&M 2s 2d, 22 J passed; 25 M 1s 9d, (533) 22 OH 1s 11d; 16 JB 2s 3d, (8901) 12 JRE 2s, 32 DB 1s 10d; (308) 12 Tu 1s 9d, 8 RT 1s 11d, 13 GN 1s 11d; (787) 16 TH 2s, 14 X 2s 1d; (5580) 8 IX 1s 11d, 7 IXo 2s 3d, 12 AH passed, 20 C 1s 10d; (9650), 12 AH passed, 30 H 1s 11d, 16 8 1s 8d; (2287) 26 GD passed, 18 JWB 2s 2d; (3787), 20 JH passed, 11 WJD passed, 24 J passed; (5680), 16 8 1s 8d, 21 JC 1s 6d, 17 T 1s 10d; (7141), 18 JWF 2s, 50 SH 2s 4d; Richmond, (8264) 30 MB 2s 3d; Windsor, (6916) 12 1A 2s 10d, 25 S heart 1s 7d, 12 LI 2s 7d; (2979), 15 HT 1s 11d, 12 JO 1s 9d; (670), 15 T 1s 11d, 20 O 1s 9d, 16 8 1s 8d; (10728), 11 CHC passed, 14 FR 1s 6d per cwt., 11 WJD passed, 18 JWB passed.

Watermelons.—From Hadley, Penrith, (271) 3s 10d; Shaw, 2s 2d; Curry, (7454) 1s 10d; Hollier, 2s 5d; Haywood (9842) 2s 3d; Smith, 1s 10d; Brooks, Mulgrave, (100) 4s; Cabban, Penrith, (X149) 4s; Agricultural College, Richmond, (10697) 4s 6d and 3s 1d; Devlin, 3s; Freeman, (8264) 3s 3d per dozen.

Turnips.—From Pilgrim, Bundanoon, (10074) 3s 2d per cwt.

Pumpkins.—From Rees, Penrith, (271) 2s 5d; D. Parker, (7454) 2s 5d; Sheens, (9842) 3s 1d per dozen.

Maize.—From Roper and Walker, Tenterfield, (3481) 2s per bushel.

FRUIT MARKETS.

Owing to this being an "off-day," business in the fruit trade at the various metropolitan markets this morning was rather quiet. Prices, however, underwent no quotable change.

Current quotations are:—

Bananas.—Plentiful. Queensland, 6d to 1s; good, 1s 6d to 2s; choice, 2s 6d per bunch.

Oranges.—Italian: 9s to 10s per case of 150 oranges, 10s to 11s per case of 200 oranges. Local: Medium pulled oranges, 6s to 7s; prime, 10s to 12s per gincase.

Apples.—Local: Choice 6s to 7s 6d, small 2s 6d to 3s 6d, medium 4s to 5s; cooking, good 3s to 4s per gincase.

Peaches.—Small, 2s 3d to 3s; medium, 4s to 5s; choice, 6s to 7s 6d per gincase; choice, 4s to 5s per half-case.

Plums.—Lutherborough, 1s 6d to 2s; Orleans, 2s 6d to 3s; Diamond, 2s 6d to 3s 6d per gincase; green gage, 1s 6d to 2s; yellow gage, 1s to 2s per quarter-case.

Cocoanuts.—Plentiful, 8s per bag.

Lemons.—4s to 5s 6d; choice, 6s per gincase; Italian, 9s to 10s per case containing 10 to 12 dozen, and 15s to 16s per case containing 25 to 30 dozen.

Nectarines.—Small, 3s; medium, 4s to 5s; prime, 6s per gincase; choice, 3s 6d to 4s per half-case.

Passionfruit.—2s; choice, 3s to 4s per gincase; choice, to 2s 6d per half-case.

Tomatoes.—Local, 1s to 1s 6d; choice, 2s per half-case.

Grapes.—White, 1d to 1½d per lb.; small white and black, 1s 6d to 2s per box; Black Hamburg, 1½d to 2d; choice, 2½d; muscatels, 2d to 3½d; Isabella, ½d per lb.

Pears.—Windsor, 3s to 5s; cooking, 2s 6d to 4s; Williams, 3s 6d to 5s; choice, 6s to 7s per gincase.

Figs.—Common, 2s; choice, 3s per case.

Rockmelons.—2s 6d to 3s; choice, 4s per gincase.

Watermelons.—2s 6d to 3s; choice, 4s to 5s per dozen.

VEGETABLE MARKET.

A good supply of vegetables was under offer at the Belmore Markets this morning, for which the demand was brisk at about late rates.

Quotations were as under:—Cabbages, 1s to 2s, good 2s 6d to 3s, choice 3s 6d; carrots, 6d to 9d; white turnips, 9d to 1s; lettuce, 6d to 9d; radishes, 4d to 6d; herbs, 1s; mint, 1s; eschalots, 1s; leeks, 1s; parsley, 9d to 1s per dozen bunches; celery, 1s 6d to 2s; prime table, choice, 2s 6d; horseradish, 4s to 6s; asparagus, 6s to 9s; beetroot, 9d to 1s; parsnips, 6d to 9d per dozen bunches; peas, 4s 6d to 5s per bushel; watercress, 1s to 1s 6d per dozen bunches; spinach, 9d to 1s per dozen bunches; rhubarb, 1s to 1s 6d per dozen bunches; kidney potatoes, 9d to 1s; Early Rose, 9d per quarter; French beans, 2s 6d to 3s per bushel; vegetable marrows, 1s 6d, choice 2s per dozen; tomatoes, European 1s to 1s 6d, Chinese 6d to 9d per quarter-case; cucumbers, 6d to 1s per dozen; pumpkins, 4s to 6s per dozen.

FAT STOCK SALES.

THE HOMEBUSH YARDS.

At the Homebush fat stock sales yesterday 26,883 sheep were yarded, making 30,563 for the week, the supply being within requirements. The quality generally was from good to prime, and had good competition from the opening at prices about equal to last Monday's improved rates. After lunch, however, competition improved, and prices hardened to the finish. Lambs were very heavily supplied, about 5880 forward, and a much lower range of values had to be accepted. Prime crossbred wethers sold to 9s 6d, and good crossbred wethers from 7s 6d to 8s 6d; good crossbred ewes sold to 8s; prime merino wethers sold from 8s to 8s 9d; good merino wethers from 6s 9d to 7s 6d; medium merino wethers from 5s to 6s; prime merino ewes to 7s 3d; good merino ewes from 5s 6d to 6s; medium merino ewes to 5s; prime lambs sold to 7s 10d; good lambs to 6s; medium lambs to 4s 6d.

560 cattle were yarded, which were mostly good trade quality. The market opened firm to the usual attendance of buyers at an improvement in values, which was maintained throughout. Prime yards of bullocks made to £5 10s, extra prime to £5 17s; good yards of bullocks made from £4 5s to £4 15s; medium yards of bullocks from £3 15s; prime yards of cows made to £4 5s; medium yards of cows from £2 17s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—83 wethers for C. Macleay at 8s 6d to 9s 6d; 129 crossbred wethers for N. agents at 8s 8d to 9s 9d, 402 (seconds) at 7s 8d; 98 crossbred wethers for P. Campbell at 7s 9d, 62 wethers at 7s, 117 crossbred ewes at 6s 11d; 812 wethers for A. L. Harden at 7s 4d to 7s 10d; 204 wethers for M. and A. Armour at 6s 9d to 7s 10d, 1622 ewes for Thos. Cook at 6s 1d to 6s 5d, 177 (seconds) at 5s 9d to 6s; 219 ewes for R. Shadler at 6s 4d to 6s 5d; 10 wethers for W. agents at 6s 5d, 213 ewes at 5s 11d; 7 ewes for P. Borsham at 6s 5d, 70 wethers for Mrs. M. A. Dwyer at 6s to 6s 4d, 130 at 5s 9d to 5s 11d; 11 wethers for W. L. Brown at 6s, 17 ewes at 5s 6d, 3 crossbred wethers for J. W. Hillas at 8s 2d, 126 at 5s 3d; 141 wethers for N. Powell at 6s, 83 ewes at 5s 6d, 35 hoggets at 5s; 16 crossbred ewes for J. Rivett at 5s 6d, 40 ewes at 4s 3d; 142 wethers for W. H. Horton, jun., at 5s 6d, 5 ewes at 4s 11d; 1 stag for E. Browne at 6s 1d, 212 ewes at 5s 3d; 4 crossbred wethers for F. D. Badgery at 7s, 104 ewes at 5s; 10 lambs for J. Rivett at 7s 10d, 40 at 6s 3d; 3 lambs for M. and A. Armour at 7s; 100 lambs for P. Borsham at 6s 1d to 6s 2d; 108 lambs for Western agents at 5s 9d, 67 seconds at 4s 2d; 2 lambs for Mrs. M. A. Dwyer at 6s; 2 lambs for W. H. Horton, jun., at 6s 1d; 70 lambs for F. D. Badgery at 5s; 72 lambs for W. L. Brown at 4s 7d; 44 lambs for N. Powell at 4s 6d to 4s 7d; 85 lambs for J. W. Hillar at 4s 5d; 68 lambs for A. L. Harden at 4s; 9 bullocks for Southern agents averaging £5 4s; 20 cows for Walhallow Estate to £4 8s, averaging £4 2s.

Messrs. Joseph Leeds and Co.—24 wethers for C. Austen at 8s; 143 wethers for Boolcarroll station at 7s 11d to 8s, 236 at 7s 3d; 25 crossbred wethers for Western agents at 7s 11d, 74 at 7s 1d to 7s 3d, 41 wethers at 6s 2d; 2 crossbred wethers for Western agents at 6s 9d, 229 ewes at 5s 5d; 400 crossbred wethers for Hon. F. B. Suttor at 6s 6d; 105 wethers for R. Toole at 6s 2d to 6s 4d; 30 wethers for T. A. Webb at 6s, 90 ewes at 5s; 32 lambs for Western agents at 6s, 30 lambs at 5s 2d; 34 lambs for C. Austen at 4s 9d, 46 at 4s 1d; 45 bullocks for W. A. Gardiner to £5 3s, averaging £4 14s 7d; 11 bullocks for W. B. Perry to £4 1s, averaging £4 0s 2d, 4 cows averaging £3 1s, 2 heifers averaging £2 14s, 1 steer at £1 15s, 1 calf at 15s; 1 bullock for Mrs. Murray at £4, 11 steers averaging £3 7s, 15 cows averaging £3 3s 8d, 4 heifers averaging £2 1s, 5 calves averaging £1 1s 9d.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co.—475 wethers for F. B. Bloomfield at 8s 1d to 8s 3d, 255 wethers at 7s 5d to 7s 7d, 194 at 7s; 50 wethers for Litchfield Brothers at 8s, 431 at 7s 1d to 7s 3d; 142 crossbred wethers for John Clee at 8s to 8s 1d, 20 at 7s 7d, 28 crossbred ewes at 7s; 300 wethers for C. H. Harbour at 6s 10d to 6s 11d, 32 crossbred wethers for W. Rowley at 7s 5d, 8 at 6s 6d, 34 crossbred ewes at 7s, 56 crossbred hoggets at 6s 4d; 411 ewes for Martin Brothers at 6s 9d to 7s 1d; 138 wethers for Hy. Horton at 6s 3d to 6s 8d, 78 (seconds) at 5s 6d, 116 ewes at 5s 3d; 13 crossbreds for estate R. Glasson at 6s 8d; 45 wethers at 5s 11d, 224 ewes at 5s 5d to 5s 9d; 116 wethers for J. W. Buchanan at 6s 5d, 8 hoggets at 6s 5d, 186 ewes at 6s 1d; 184 wethers and 63 ewes for Buchanan and Roberts; 50 crossbred wethers for T. Randall at 6s 5d; 16 ewes and wethers for D. Larnach at 5s 10d; 81 wethers for W. Boodes at 5s 8d, 648 ewes at 5s, 14 crossbred ewes at 5s 3d, 20 wethers at 5s 1d, 128 ewes at 4s 5d to 4s 6d; 227 wethers for M. Abby at 4s 11d, 278 ewes at 4s 3d; 94 wethers and stags for V. J. Dowling at 5s 5d, 185 ewes at 5s; 100 wethers for T. H. Rowlands at 4s 6d to 4s 7d; 100 ewes for A. S. Chisholm at 5s 8d; 6 wethers for W. Mooney at 5s 4d, 64 ewes at 4s 1d; 21 crossbred ewes for A. H. M'Kenzie at 4s 3d; 41 lambs for estate R. Glasson at 5s 8d, 6 hoggets at 5s 2d; 19 lambs for V. J. Dowling at 5s; 68 lambs for W. Rowley at 5s 8d; 143 crossbred lambs for T. Randall at 5s 2d to 5s 5d; 119 lambs for A. S. Chisholm at 4s 7d; 46 lambs for W. Mooney at 4s to 4s 4d; 81 lambs for A. H. Mackenzie at 4s 3d to 4s 5d, 2 hoggets at 6s 11d; 108 hoggets for D. Larnach at 4s 10d; 342 hoggets for R. Taylor at 5s 4d to 5s 9d; 8 bullocks for estate R. Glasson at £5 4s, 1 (injured) at £4 5s; 40 bullocks for Northern agents to £4 14s, averaging £4 8s 1d, 18 cows to £3 4s, averaging £3 1s 9d; 31 bullocks for J. K. Mackay to £4 14s, averaging £4 7s; 40 bullocks for W. Smith to £4 13s, averaging £4 4s 1d, 26 cows to £3 6s, averaging £3 3s 3d; 11 bullocks for J. J. Kelly at £3 11s.

Messrs. Henderson Brothers.—121 crossbred wethers for Southern agents at 7s 11d to 8s, 105 at 6s 10d, 104 crossbred ewes at 6s 11d, 19 at 6s, 107 wethers at 7s 5d to 7s 9d, 658 at 6s 8d to 7s, 37 at 6s; 4 stags for J. and J. Love at 6s 4d, 283 wethers at 5s 8d to 5s 10d, 45 ewes at 4s 11d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—50 bullocks for P. Jeffrey to £5 17s, averaging £5 8s 4d; 40 bullocks for B. M. Osborne to £5 9s, averaging £5 4s 10d, 32 cows to £3 10s, averaging £3 4s 1d; 8 bullocks for M. O'Brien at £4 15s, 1 lame at £4; 32 bullocks for J. O'Brien to £4 3s, averaging £4 1s 9d; 10 bullocks for M'Evoy Brothers at £4 10s; 20 bullocks for J. Robinson to £4 8s, averaging £4 5s 2d; 74 crossbred wethers for M'Evoy Brothers at 8s 6d to 8s 7d, 18 at 6s 10d, 91 crossbred ewes at 8s, 17 at 6s 10d, 5 ewes at 4s 6d; 1 crossbred ewe for D. Mackenzie at 9s 7d, 5 at 7s 6d, 11 at 6s 2d, 7 crossbred wethers at 7s 5d to 7s 6d, 71 wethers at 6s, 102 at 5s 9d to 5s 10d, 14 ewes at 5s 8d; 104 wethers for J. Robinson at 7s 7d to 7s 8d; 188 wethers (woolly) for Hunt Brothers at 7s 8d to 7s 9d, 58 ewes (woolly) at 6s 8d, 294 wethers at 5s 5d; 12 crossbred wethers for executors late T. Trewecke at 8s 3d, 166 wethers at 6s 5d; 1 crossbred wether for A. W. Crain at 7s 6d, 516 wethers at 5s 11d to 6s, 5 at 5s; 503 wethers for Carangula station at 6s 4d to 6s 6d; 120 wethers for W. Thompson at 6s 5d, 387 at 6s 3d, 44 at 5s 2d to 5s 3d, 142 ewes at 5s 5d, 2 crossbred wethers for J. S. Sands at 6s 3d, 128 wethers at 6s, 93 ewes at 5s; 7 stags for J. R. Ross at 6s 2d, 97 wethers at 6s; 559 wethers for E. M. Bowman at 6s 10d to 6s, 41 at 5s 1d; 104 wethers for Yass Plains station at 6s; 108 ewes for R. Loomes at 5s 11d; 100 wethers for T. Potter at 5s 2d; 11 wethers for M. Ryan at 4s 9d, 89 ewes at 3s 10d; 30 lambs for J. S. Murray at 6s 1d, 15 at 5s 11d, 67 at 5s 2d; 8 lambs for D. Mackenzie at 5s 11d; 126 hoggets for A. W. Crain at 4s 9d; 5 lambs for J. S. Sands at 4s 6d; 43 lambs for executors late F. Trewecke at 4s 1d to 4s 3d; 130 lambs for J. Black at 4s 3d; 5 lambs for Hunt Brothers at 4s 2d; 4 lambs for W. Thompson at 4s 1d; 5 lambs for M. Ryan at 3s.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers.—117 wethers for J. J. Garry at 7s 7d to 7s 10d, 288 at 7s 1d to 7s 4d; 30 crossbred wethers for P. H. Stephens at 7s 6d, 25 merino wethers at 7s 3d, 2 ewes at 7s 3d, 4 crossbred rams at 7s, 23 wethers for F. Toole at 7s 6d, 8 crossbred ewes at 7s; 545 wethers for H. Fletcher at 6s 10d to 6s 11d, 173 at 6s 2d; 76 ewes for J. O'Donnell at 6s, 13 ewes (seconds) at 4s 4d, 14 wethers at 6s 9d; 52 wethers for J. Matthews at 6s, 50 ewes at 5s 9d; 213 wethers for J. Whittacker at 5s 3d to 5s 4d, 53 wethers (seconds) at 4s 5d, 56 crossbred wethers at 6s, 17 ewes at 5s 6d; 474 wethers for W. Moore at 6s 7d to 6s 10d; 64 crossbred ewes for S. J. Shanahan at 5s 11d, 5 merino ewes at 5s 7d, 5 crossbred wethers at 7s 11d, 6 crossbred rams at 5s 7d, 6 merino rams at 5s 7d; 24 lambs for F. Toole at 6s 8d, 47 seconds at 5s to 5s 2d; 12 lambs for T. H. Stephens at 5s 6d, 4 at 5s 2d; 2 lambs for J. Whittacker at 6s 5d; 30 lambs for J. Roberts at 6s 4d, 13 merino lambs at 6s; 80 lambs for J. Glasson at 4s 8d to 4s 9d; 140 crossbred lambs for P. A. Madden at 4s 4d to 4s 6d, 44 seconds at 3s 7d, 34 merino lambs at 3s 10d; 85 lambs for S. J. Shanahan at 4s 7d to 4s 8d, 32 seconds at 3s 11d; 67 lambs for J. Bryant, 53 merino lambs at 5s 4d; 180 lambs for W. Walker at 4s 7d; 66 wethers for C. Oak at 5s 4d, 129 ewes at 4s 6d; 28 wethers for M. Moore at 6s 8d, 91 ewes at 5s 3d; 115 wethers for F. Fahey at 5s 5d to 5s 6d, 103 ewes at 4s 11d, 115 wethers and ewes at 5s 4d to 5s 6d; 266 wethers for Moorefield Estate at 5s 5d to 5s 7d; 8 wethers for J. Roberts at 6s 10d, 32 ewes at 6s 5d; 1 crossbred ewe for J. Glasson at 6s 6d, 20 merino ewes at 4s 11d; 687 ewes for A. D. Millar at 5s 2d, 78 (seconds) at 4s, 12 crossbred ewes at 4s; 217 ewes for P. A. Madden at 5s 11d, 214 wethers at 6s to 6s 1d, 56 hoggets (crossbred) at 6s 6d; 429 wethers for A. A. M'Innes at 5s 6d, 68 at 5s.

Messrs. H. M. Suttor and Co.—92 crossbred wethers for G. H. Greene at 8s 2d, 10 at 7s 8d, 3 merino wethers at 5s 6d, 233 ewes at 6s 2d to 6s 4d, 75 lambs at 6s 9d, 46 at 6s to 6s 1d, 3 at 3s 7d; 20 wethers for H. Fraser at 5s 6d, 2 crossbred ewes at 5s 8d, 73 lambs at 6s 3d, 6 at 4s 6d, 4 at 3s.

Messrs. Wilkinson and Lavender.—104 crossbred wethers for Mrs. George Campbell at 8s 4d to 8s 7d, 96 at 7s 9d, 90 crossbred ewes at 7s 10d, 50 at 6s, 139 wethers at 7s 5d to 7s 7d, 7 at 7s; 110 ewes for S. Mills at 6s 2d; 204 crossbreds for Britton and Donohoe; 8 bullocks for S. Mills at £5 5s, 1 cow at £4 16s.

Messrs. J. C. Young and Co.—12 crossbred wethers for C. Boyd at 8s, 7 crossbred ewes at 6s 10d, 229 merino wethers at 6s 4d, 2 wethers (wool) at 5s 6d, 33 lambs at 5s 3d to 5s 8d, 12 (culls) at 4s 5d; 349 ewes for Messrs. Patterson Brothers at 7s 3d to 7s 4d, 45 lambs at 5s 6d, 18 at 4s 9d; 60 crossbred wethers for C. Boyd at 8s, 233 merino wethers at 6s, 5 crossbred ewes at 5s 11d, 23 lambs at 6s 7d, 77 at 6s; 30 crossbred wethers for F. Mills at 6s 3d, 70 merino wethers at 5s 3d; 14 crossbred ewes for W. J. Denmeade at 5s 9d, 464 merino ewes at 5s 2d, 100 (culls) at 4s; 201 wethers for N. F. Campbell at 5s 4d; 68 ewes for R. Henderson at 5s, 58 lambs at 3s 11d.

Messrs. Warden Harry Graves and Son.—81 crossbred wethers for Thomas Rutledge at 9s 5d, 367 at 8s 10d, 1 crossbred ram at 6s 6d; 776 wethers for M. and A. Bolger at 7s 7d to 8s, 147 at 7s, 79 ewes at 7s; 68 wethers for Mackay and Copland at 7s 8d to 7s 9d, 901 at 6s 10d to 7s 3d, 128 at 6s to 6s 1d; 10 crossbred wethers for Rial Brothers at 7s 9d, 104 crossbred wethers at 7s, 229 crossbred ewes at 7s, 55 merino wethers at 5s 6d; 181 wethers for William Hay at 7s, 13 crossbred ewes at 7s, 441 merino ewes at 6s 7d to 6s 10d, 92 at 5s 7d; 95 crossbred wethers for John Flinn at 6s 9d, 114 at 6s 3d, 94 crossbred ewes at 5s 6d; 688 ewes for T. and J. J. Keighran at 6s, 1866 wethers for W. G. Taylor at 6s 9d to 6s 3d, 426 at 5s 2d to 5s 5d, 13 ewes at 5s 2d; 1030 wethers for Robert Davidson at 5s 8d to 5s 9d, 216 at 5s 1d, 10 ewes at 5s; 241 wethers for South-western agents at 4s 7d to 4s 11d, 89 at 4s; 144 ewes for Trevillian at 4s 6d, 71 ewes and 6 wethers at 3s to 3s 11d; 99 wethers for J. J. Keen at 4s 6d; 211 wethers for Southern agents at 4s 6d, 82 wethers at 4s 2d; 10 bullocks for W. O. Gilchrist to £5 5s, averaging £4 15s 10d.

Messrs. Weaver and Perry.—361 wethers for A. Kelaher at 7s 3d to 7s 5d, 37 at 6s 8d, 10 crossbred wethers at 7s 4d to 8s, 11 ewes at 7s 1d, 7 lambs at 7s 2d; 131 wethers for J. D. Hill at 5s 7d, 183 ewes at 5s 3d; 45 bullocks for J. L. Lawson to £4 16s, averaging £3 18s 1d; 17 bullocks for Northern agents at £4 1s, 1 cow at £3 5s; 10 bullocks for W. R. Smith to £4 13s, averaging £2 14s 10d, 1 cow at £2 10s.

ADELAIDE FAT STOCK SALES.

Messrs. Elder, Smith, and Co. telegraph from Adelaide as follows:—At Wednesday's sale the following stock were submitted:—Cattle: 590 head were forward, forming a slightly lighter supply. At the opening sales there was an improved demand, and values were slightly higher for best classes, but they eased again towards the close, whilst prices for other sorts were low. Prime beef, 18s to 20s. We sold 140 head of cattle. Sheep: 10,866 were penned. There was a short supply of the best qualities, and values advanced 6d per head, whilst other descriptions were in dull request. Prime wethers, 8s to 9s; prime ewes, 6s to 7s. We sold 1700.

MELBOURNE LIVE STOCK MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Live Stock market yesterday 1250 fat cattle were yarded, comprising 200 from N.S.W., 600 from North-eastern and Goulburn Valley districts, 400 from Gippsland, 100 from the westward, and the remainder from paddocks near town, consisting chiefly of middling descriptions, with a large percentage of cows. During the early part of the day there was a slightly firmer tendency, but although prime pens, which were scarce, met with a brisk competition throughout at improved rates, yet later in the day the tone of the market became weaker, closing decidedly easier. Quotations: Prime pens bullocks, £8 5s to £9 2s 6d; odd beasts, £10 10s; good pens bullocks, £6 to £7 10s; second and lighter ditto, £4 10s to £5 10s; inferior from £3 10s; prime pens cows, £5 5s to £5 15s; extra prime ditto, £6 5s to £6 17s 6d; odd beasts, £7 7s 6d; good pens cows, £4 to £4 15s; others, £2 to £2 10s. Only 120 fat calves were penned. The demand was brisk at improved rates. Quotations: Prime steers and heifers, 60s to 75s; prime calves, 30s to 50s; prime small calves, 35s to 45s; others from 15s.

CAMPBELL'S HILL FAT STOCK SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The usual fat stock sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day. The attendance of buyers was below the average, but, with only a small supply of stock forward, sales were active, and prices were firm at last Monday's rates. The stock generally in the cattle section consisted of medium quality lots, no prime offering. Best bullocks made £4 4s to £5; good, £3 10s to £4; others from £3; cows, best £3 5s, others from £2 2s; heifers, 35s to £2 15s. Calves were in small supply, and the demand was dull. Prices were unaltered. Best made 25s; others from 12s 6d to 20s. A moderately large supply of sheep was penned. The demand was active for all prime quality lots, values showing a slight advance on last Monday's rates. Best merino wethers made 8s to 8s 10d; ditto ewes, 5s to 6s 9d; best crossbred wethers, 8s to 9s 3d; ditto ewes, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; Walhalla ewes, 7s 6d to 8s 6d; Boolcarrol ewes, 7s 4d to 8s. The supply of lambs was small, prices ranging from 5s to 6s. Of fat and store pigs a fair supply was offering. The demand was active, and values were without alteration. Best baconers made 35s; good from 25s; prime porkers, 22s 6d; others from 14s; stores and slips, 5s 6d to 12s 3d.

MELBOURNE DEAD MEAT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Metropolitan Dead Meat Market yesterday prices ruled as follows:—Beef: Prime bodies, 16s to 17s per 100lb.; medium, 14s to 15s; prime forequarters, 11s; medium, 10s; prime hindquarters, 21s, 22s; medium, 19s, 20s. Sheep: Prime wethers, 1¾d per lb.; prime ewes, 1½d. Lambs: Prime, 6s to 6s 6d each; medium, 5s to 5s 6d. Veal: Prime large vealers, 1¾d; prime small vealers, 2d; small calves, 1d to 1½d. Pork: Prime small porkers, 3½d to 4d; prime large pigs (from 80lb. to 100lb.), 3½d to 3¾d; bacon pigs, 2½d to 3d.

MAITLAND HIDE AND SKIN SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

The usual weekly hide and skin sales were held at Campbell's Hill to-day. In the hide section supplies were much lighter than usual, but the lots were of excellent quality. There was a fair attendance of buyers, competition was active, and all consignments were cleared, prices being firm at last week's rates. Prime-conditioned parcels made from 18s to 21s 9d, good lots sold from 14s to 16s 6d, medium made from 10s to 12s 6d, light from 8s to 9s, and inferior lots from 5s to 7s. Yearling skins were in short supply and sold readily. Best sorts made to 8s, and other lots realised from 2s 3d. Calf-skins were in active demand and sold from 6d to 1s 6d each. Sheepskins were in fairly large supply, the greater portion of consignments being made up of pelts. Full-woolled skins were in good demand, prices ranging from 3s 6d to 4s 6d. Best pelts attracted brisk competition, and sold from 2s 9d to 3s 6d; good sorts made 2s 1d to 2s 6d, medium 1s 4d to 1s 9d, light 10d to 1s 3d, and inferior bundles 6d to 9d. Tallow made £12 to £13 5s per ton, and horsehair 1s 3d per lb.

CHILLED MEAT SALES.

Messrs. Tompson, Manning, and Jeremy report:—

Beef.—There was a strong inquiry, by the best retail shops, for prime beef, notwithstanding the fact that prices were slightly easier as a consequence of the rather heavy supplies of live cattle which have recently been coming forward. We quote: Prime bodies of beef worth 1½d to 1¾d; hindquarters, 1½d to 1¾d; forequarters, ¾d; medium bodies, 1d; hindquarters, 1¼d to 1¼d; forequarters, ½d to ¾d.

Mutton.—Moderate supplies forward, consisting principally of medium and light descriptions. We quote: Extra prime crossbred wether mutton, 1¼d; prime, 1d to 1 1-16d; small merino wethers, ¾d to ⅞d; medium ewes, ½d.

Lamb.—Fair supplies forward. We quote: Prime carcases worth 3s 6d to 4s; small lambs and hoggets, 2s 6d and lower.

Pork.—Choice, 50lb. to 60lb. weights, 4d to 4½d; heavier sorts, 3d to 3½d; baconers, 3d. We sold consignments from Dubbo, Young, Forbes, Aberdeen, Gunnedah, Riverina, and Bourke.

HUNTER RIVER FARMERS' PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Wednesday.

At the weekly sales of the Hunter River farmers' produce, held to-day, large supplies were offering. The attendance of buyers was rather smaller than usual, and the competition was not so animated. With the exception of hay and maize values, prices were lower all round. Best butter made from 7d to 1s per lb.; eggs realised 8d to 8½d per dozen; bacon (good), 5d to 6d; cheese, 4½d; hams (best), 6d to 9d; lard, 3½d per lb. Live pigs made 6s 6d to 8s each; honey, 2½d to 3d per lb., and 2s 6d to 5s per tin; millet brooms, 7s 6d per dozen; sorghum seed, 1d per lb.; best Ruby and Brownell potatoes made 80s to 90s per ton, Early Rose and Vermont varieties making 25s to 32s 6d; onions, 5s; pickling, 6s to 10s 6d per cwt.; cabbage, 9d to 3s 6d per dozen; peas, 9d to 1s per peck; beans, 9d to 1s per peck; tomatoes, 3d to 4½d per dozen, 9d to 1s 9d per case; cucumbers, 6d to 8d per dozen; melons, 1s 6d to 4s per dozen; rock-melons, 6s to 7s 6d per dozen; marrows, 5s to 6s per dozen; pumpkins, 3s 6d to 4s 6d per dozen. Apples sold from 1d to 1s 3d per dozen, and 1s to 3s 6d per case; plums, 1d to 2d per quart, 1s 9d to 2s per case; peaches, 1d to 8½d per dozen, 1s 6d to 2s 6d per case; grapes, white ½d to 1½d, black amber 1½d to 2½d per lb.; passion fruit, 1d per dozen; pears, 1d to 3d per dozen; fowls, 2s to 3s 6d per pair; chickens, 1s 6d to 2s; ducks, 2s to 3s 6d; geese, 2s 6d to 4s; turkeys, 7s to 13s 3d; pigeons, 9d to 1s per pair; hay, lucerne 40s to 50s per ton, oaten 70s, wheaten 65s; chaff, 2s 6d to 3s per bag; maize, 1s 11½d to 2s 3d per bushel; oats, 2s 1d per bushel.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Market yesterday morning fruit sold at the following prices:—Almonds, green, 2s to 2s 6d per half-case; apples, 1s to 4s per case; apricots, 1d to 3d per lb.; figs, 3s to 3s 6d per half-case; grapes, 3s 6d to 7s per case; Italian oranges, 9s ditto; lemons, 6d to 8d per dozen; melons, water, 2s to 4s 6d per dozen; ditto, rock, 3s to 4s ditto; mulberries, 1½d to 2½d per lb.; nectarines, 2s to 2s 6d per half-case; peaches, 1d to 3d per lb.; pears, dessert, 2s 6d to 6s per case; plums, 2s 6d to 4s 6d ditto; raspberries, 3½d to 5d per lb.

Alessandro Salvini, whose death while still comparatively young, was announced from Florence recently, had, with his Christian name Anglicised to Alexander, acquired considerable reputation in America as an English-speaking actor. Although lacking the genius of his father, Tommaso Salvini, the great tragedian, Alexander Salvini held for some years a good position as a theatrical star in the United States, and his early decease is to be regretted.

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MINING INTELLIGENCE.

There was less business done in the Mining market yesterday. In Broken Hill silver stocks Proprietary continued firm, but North Broken lost a portion of the previous day's advance, and closed weaker. Two Tasmanian companies had sales, and Mount Lyell were quoted at the last meeting. The tone of silver shares generally was quiet. Peak Hill, paid up, was the only local gold company dealt in, but the prices of others were without any material alteration. Queensland gold ventures had more attention, and showed general firmness. Two Victorian stocks were quoted on the strength of encouraging prospects from some of the Plateau mines. Only four Western Australian companies had exchange. Block 45 had sales at receding rates. Queen Margaret South improved. Queensland Menzies had a sale of paid-up at 28s, and closed with sellers at the same figure, buyers offering 1s less, this notwithstanding the good yield and announcement of a 1s dividend. There is a lack of confidence in the company, which accounts for the fall. Copper and coal mining shares were not dealt in.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

	Buyer.	Seller.
COAL.		
Hetton	55/	60/
Stockton	2/9	3/3
Wallsend	£22	£25
Waratah	—	17/6
Wickham and Bullock Isl.	7/9	8/3
Ditto, new	1/6	—
Ditto, preferential, £1 paid	—	22/
TIN.		
Elsmore V'ley	—	6/
COPPER.		
Great Cobar	39/	45/
Girilambone	12/	—
SILVER.		
Broken Hill Proprietary	51/6	51/9
Block 10	77/	83/
B.H. Junction ex div.	—	60/
Junction Consolidated	2/	2/3
Junction Nth.	—	29/6
North Broken	10/9	10/10½
North Central	1/9	1/11½
B.H. South, con.	13/9	14/3
Overflow	—	8/9
Ditto, con.	—	3/3
Comet	7/6	—
Curtin and Davis	11/	—
Ditto, No. 1 con.	11d	1/1
King Lyell, paid	6d	5/6
Mount Lyell	£8 12	£8 14 6
GOLD.		
Baker's Creek	5/	—
Birthday, pd.	3/10	—
Cobar Mining	2/4	2/10
Occidental	2/	—
Pk. Hill, pd.	1/2	2/
Rainbow and Mountain Maid	—	6d
Sunlight	9/	9/6
West Sunlight, pd.	3/	3/4
Band and Albion	12/	16/
Central Plateau	47/6	—
Band of Hope	20/	22/
Columbia Smithfield	—	22/
Kelly's Queen Block	12/6	—
Mt. Morgan	—	15/
No. 1 North Victory	2/	2/6
Smithfield and Golden Pile	—	7/9
Victoria G.M. Association	8/	8/6
Associated	50/9	51/6
Block 45	30/	30/6
Boulder Central Ext'nd.	2/	2/3
Boulder North West	1/10	2/1
Brophy's	—	2/
Brown Hill Junction	—	12/
Brown Hill No. 1 South	1/7	1/8
General Gordon	—	18/
Ditto, con.	—	13/
Golden Casket	2/6	5/
Ditto, con.	1/9	2/
Great Boulder	£7 11/	£7 12/6
Hannan's Eureka	7½d	10d
Hannan's Pride of the Valley	1/1	1/2
Island Lake Austin Nth.	8½d	—
Ivanhoe	£10 9	£10 14
Ditto South Extended	—	5/3
Lady Sherry	—	5/1
Ditto, con.	3/2	3/7
Lake View South, pd.	33/9	34/6
Moon's	1/6	—
Princess Margaret	13/3	14/
Queensland Menzies, pd.	27/	28/
Queen Margaret	48/6	50/
Ditto South	14/6	15/3
Ditto, No. 1 South	5/10	5/11
Royal Mint, South, con.	—	1/4

The following sales were reported:—Morning—Silver: B. H. South, contributing, 13s 9d; Curtin and Davis, 11s 2d. Noon—Silver: Hercules 15s 6d. Gold: Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, 13s 4d; Queen Cross Reef, 14s; Block 45, 31s 3d; Queen Margaret South, 15s 3d; Royal Mint South, contributing, 1s 2½d. Afternoon—Silver: B. H. Proprietary, 51s 6d; North Broken, 10s 9d, 10s 10½d, 10s 9d, 10s 10½d; B. H. South, contributing, 14s. Gold: Peak Hill, paid up, 1s 1d; Sebastopol Plateau No. 1, 13s 5d; Kelly's Queen Block, 13s 3d. Block 45, 30s 6d; Queensland Menzies, paid up, 28s.

The following sales were reported after the last meeting of the Exchange:—Gold: Birthday, contributing, 3s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, 52s 3d; Hannan's Pride of the Valley, 1s 2d, 1s 2d; Queen Margaret, 49s; ditto, No. 1 South, 5s 10½d.

The following cablegram from the London office of the Broken Hill Proprietary Company, Limited, was posted at the Sydney Stock Exchange yesterday:—"January 27.—Silver, 2s 5 13-16d per ounce; lead, £11 6s 3d; shares, £2 10s."

Messrs. Leonard Dodds and Co. report the sale of 120 tons of high-grade concentrates on account of the Girilambone Copper-mining Company at a price which leaves a very satisfactory margin of profit to the company. Regular weekly sales of copper concentrates from this mine will be made in future.

Messrs. Clark, Howard, and party, writing from their claim on Slippery Creek, Oberon, report that at a trial crushing with Mr. J. W. Johns's No. 2 Champion Quartz-crushing and Puddling Mill, driven by a six-h.p. engine, the mill did excellent work, crushing hard quartz, filled with mineral, at the rate of 12cwt. per hour.

Yesterday the directors of the Broken Hill Proprietary Block 10 Company, Limited, declared their 48th dividend of 1s per share, payable on the 17th of February. The books will be closed in Melbourne on the 4th.

GOLCONDA G.M. COMPANY.

The first annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Golconda Gold-mining Company, N.L., Parkes, was held at the Turf Hotel, Sydney, on Wednesday night. The directors' report, which, together with the balance-sheet, was adopted, stated that a fine body of quartz, averaging 2½ft. in thickness and carrying payable gold, had been struck. Two trial crushings of 7 and 11½ tons had yielded 8oz. 2dwt. and 16oz. 10dwt. respectively, which was highly payable. Messrs. T. D. P. Holden and E. Joseph were elected directors, Messrs. John Gainford and Joseph Medcalf being reappointed auditors.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

Business in silver stocks to-day was chiefly confined to North Broken and Yuba, both of which were in good demand. The market for Western Australian lines was rather inactive, and values all round were weak and unsteady. Sales: Broken Hill Proprietary, 51s 6d; Block 14, 28s 3d; British, new, 13s 6d; Junction North, 30s; B. H. South, contributing, 14s; North Broken, 11s 3d, 10s 9d, 10s 10d, 10s 9d, 11s, 10s 10½d; North Central, 2s; Yuba, 2s, 2s 3½d, 2s 3d; Lady Pearce (S.A.), 1s 1d; Menzies Barossa (S.A.), 1s, 1s 1d; Elanora, 9s 2d, 9s 3d; Associated Gold Mines, 52s, 51s; Block 45, 29s 3d, 29s; Bonnie Charlie, 2s 4d, 2s 1d, 2s 4½d, 2s 2d, 2s 3d; ditto Extended, 5½d, 4½d; Boulder Central, contributing, 10s 3d, 10s 4½d; ditto Extended, 2s 2d, 2s 1d; Boulder Half-mile South, 1s 8d; Boulder North Extended, 4s 3d; Brown Hill Junction, 12s, 11s 7½d, 11s 9d; Brown Hill Central, 3s, 2s 9d; Brophy's Kurnalpi Consols, 1s 6d; Coolgardie Mint, 22s; General Gordon, contributing, 12s 6d; Golden Ridge, 9d; Golden Puzzle, paid, 8d; Great Boulder, £7 12s; ditto Junction, 1s 1d, 1s 2d; Hands Across the Sea South, 4½d; Hannan's Central Extended, 3s; Hannan's Eureka, 7½d; Hannan's Oraya, 32s 6d, 33s; Hannan's Pride of the Valley, 1s 1d; Hannan's Reward Proprietary, 2½d; Hannan's Victoria Cross, 6½d; Hannan's Wealth, contributing, 9½d; Imperial Boulder, 6s 9d, 6s 7d; Island Lake Austin North, 9d, 8½d; Ivanhoe, £10 11s, £10 11s 6d, £10 9s; ditto South Extended, 5s 2d, 4s 11d; Kalgurli, 43s; Kanowna Carbine, 2s 6d; Lake View South, paid, 34s 9d, 33s 9d; Maritana Central, 1s 3½d; Maritana Extended, 1s; Menzies Tornado, contributing, 1s; Midas, 6d; Mount Benson, contributing (at auction, 2s 5d, 2s, 2s 2d); Norseman, contributing, 6d; Premier, 15s 9d; Princess Royal, paid, 2s 6d; Queen Margaret, 50s, 50s 6d; ditto Gem, 1s 6d, 1s 5d; ditto South, 15s 3d, 15s, 15s 4½d; ditto No. 1 South, 6s, 6s 2d, 6s 1d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 28s 6d, 28s; ditto, contributing, 27s, 25s; Railway, paid, 8s 9d; ditto, contributing, 6s 3d; Railway Extended, contributing, 4d, 3d; Ready Money, 5d; Slug Hill, 9d; ditto Consols, contributing, 7d; South Kalgurli, 29s; Tindal's, 7s 3d; Warrior Menzies, 1s 6d; White Feather Main Reef, 7s 4d; Yerilla, 3s 2d; Wallaroo and Moonta Copper, 19s 3d, 19s 6d; Leviathan Crushing, 5s 9d; Brookman's Exploration, 12s 3d.

BRAIDWOOD, Thursday.

Very rich stone, estimated to be worth 10oz. gold to the ton, has been struck at the 60ft. level on Davy's line of reef in the Bell's Creek Mining Company's lease. Specimens studded with gold have been exhibited in town.

BROKEN HILL, Wednesday.

Owing to the breakage of one of the stone-crackers at Block 10 they only ran two sections of the plant last week, treating 1886 tons of crudes for 473 tons concentrates of high silver and lead grade. The ore despatches comprised 305 tons gross, the estimated concentrates on the ore floors being 1392 tons, of which 1022 were bagged. 230 tons from the zinc tailings dump are now being bagged for early shipment to Port Pirie. Mr. Harry, who is well known in connection with the Proprietary open cut work, has received the contract for cutting and filling the siding from the main railway line to the Block 10 tailing dump, a distance of about 13 chains. The work was commenced on Monday. The underground workings are without change. The South Central shaft, lately started, has been sunk 10ft. in easy working ground. Mr. Howe, chairman of the Junction directors, has been here for several days, and left by this evening's express. He states that the mine is looking first-rate.

Thursday.

The Junction North shaft to-day measures 85ft. below the 640ft. level. The drive at the 570ft. level towards the North mine's boundary line is being hurried on, working three shifts, and now measures about 148ft. from the west crosscut. A grand bold face of friable sulphides is being carried. Late official assay maintain a value of 35oz. of silver and 20 per cent. of lead. The end of this mine is rapidly nearing the North mine's ground. The despatches for the week comprised 400 tons of first-quality sulphides to Port Pirie for shipment to Europe, and 140 tons milling ore locally to Block 14. Since the Junction mill, with its additional machinery, started nearly a week ago attention has been chiefly given to experimental work, and the usual adjustments and modifications required. The despatches for the week aggregated 1233 tons, including 970 tons of first quality sulphides for shipment to Europe. The prospects are materially improving. All the stopes, both of the milling and shipping sections, continue to look very satisfactory.

CORAMBA, Tuesday.

At Lower Bucca all the mines are at work again. At Pont's Mountain May good stone is still being raised. There is about 5ft. of crushing stuff in the north end of the ground. It is, however, making smaller, and has since gone down to 3ft., while in the South shaft the reef which divided in the level south joined again in about 6ft. further, and shows about 2ft. of crushing stone and increasing. The Christmas Gift has got the water under way, and is now at work in the stopes, where the reef goes up to 2ft. wide. Fletcher's Lass o' Gowrie is still sinking for the slate country, the shaft being down 56ft. The Blue Mystery Company is still sinking, and raising crushing stone from the middle shaft. The reef keeps about 2ft. wide on a good regular course. Considerable numbers of men are prospecting the freehold land in this neighbourhood in search of the reef, from which a few exceedingly good specimens are supposed to have come. The warden has just visited the place to lay off private gold leases and assess damages. The Golden Bar has completed the road from the mine to the Lower Bucca battery, and will crush shortly. The Just-in-Time (Phillips and party) has commenced work again, and is sinking for the reef. At Corindi work has been resumed at Cameron's, where both sinking and driving are being carried on. They have a couple of tons of stone in the paddock. At the Wedding Bell, next to Cameron's, they have resumed sinking, following the reef, and are now nearly 60ft. deep. Moss and Allan, about a mile east of Cameron's, have their shaft down 42ft., and at the bottom the reef is from 6in. to 9in. wide. The country is slate, and good prospects have been dollied from the stone. Boyle and Foley have gone back to their original shaft, where good stone was got, and are taking out their first crushing. Gold can be seen freely in the stone. At Younger's special lease, near Woolgoolga, they are working a vertical vein 12in. wide in grey slate. A trial crushing of five tons from near the surface, consisting of half clay, recently yielded 9dwt. per ton. The old Jessie Simpson reef, four miles from Woolgoolga, has been taken up again by Pullen and party. Their reef averages a foot, but in some of the old workings it is larger. Quite an alluvial rush was recently caused by the discovery at Corindi of a slug weighing 23dwt., followed by a couple of smaller ones weighing 11dwt. After a few days the rush subsided, only a dozen old hands being left. The scene of the discovery is a deep gully running into Corindi Creek. There is from about 1ft. to 2ft. of stripping before the solid country is met, and the interstices of the rock are scraped out and panned off. It is all dish work. The gold got has undoubtedly been shed by a reef, which prospectors are searching for. At Coramba the Coramba Queen Company has left the main shaft, and started raising stone for the battery from the old shaft. The King is in full swing, and the battery going night and day. Good prospects have been got by Webb and M'Intyre from the rubble of a reef at Corindi just above where the slugs were got, and which they think came from their reef.

CUE, Thursday.

The last fortnightly yield from the Morning Star mine, at Mount Magnet, gave 700oz. of gold, making a total of over 1000oz. since Christmas. The Victory United, Murchison, cleaned up from 33 tons for 103oz.

GRENFELL, Thursday.

Matthews and party while washing dirt at Star Gully found a splendid specimen weighing 5oz. 1dwt. When crushed it yielded 3oz. of retorted gold.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Mr. Thomas Smith reports the following sales:—No. 2 North New Zealand, 3½d, 5d; Jones' Caledonian, 5d; Lady Mary No. 7 South, 1s 6d; Smithfield No. 4 South, 1s 8d, 1s 8½d, 1s 9d. To-night's quotations:—Victory No. 1 North, seller 2s 4½d, buyer 2s 3½d; Glanmire No. 1 North, seller 8s, buyer 5s 6d; Oriental and Glanmire, seller 3s 8d, buyer 3s 5d; Phœnix No. 3 North, seller 3s 4d, buyer 3s.

HOBART, Thursday.

To-day's Exchange quotations and sales were:—Bright Star, buyer, 1s; Chums, sales, 4d; New East Chums, seller, 10d; New Pinafore, buyer, 1s 6d, seller 2s 9d; Comet, buyer 7s 8d, seller 8s; Curtin and Davis, buyer 10s 6d; South ditto, sales 2s 1d; Hercules, sales 15s 6d; Barlem Hercules, buyer 3s 1d; Mount Black Proprietary, buyer 11d, seller 1s 3d; Mount Lyell, buyer £8 14s, seller £8 15s; Mount Reid, sales 13s 6d; Silver Queen, sales 18s 9d, 19s, 19s 3d; New Pinafore, sales 2s 3d.

KALGOORLIE, Wednesday.

The North Boulder is laying a line of pipes, connecting the Brown Hill shaft with the Hungarian mill. The shaft produces 34,000gal. of water daily. The North Boulder will take as much as is required at 5s per thousand gallons. Twenty head of stamps have been ordered for the mine. The lode at a depth of 90ft. is 20ft. wide, and the stone is very rich, showing gold all through it. A shipment of a few tons of very rich ore will be sent to London to show the value of the stone to the London directors. A change has come in at the bottom of No. 4 shaft south on the Great Boulder. The shaft has been sunk in country rock until to-day, when mineralised quartz was reached. It is improbable that the main lode has been struck, but good-looking sulphide ore is now in the bottom of the shaft. The depth is about 290ft. The Boulder Main Reef is again cleaning up at the Leviathan battery.

The total output of the Brown Hill mine to date since crushing started is as follows:—1279 tons of stone crushed, yielding 8661oz. of gold, being an average of 6oz. 17dwt. per ton. The battery is still running slowly, and ore is being bagged for shipment to Dry Creek, South Australia.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Silver companies had a good extent of business to-day. The market for Western Australian gold companies was dull, Ivanhoe being an exception. Victorian gold companies were in active demand. Sales:—North Broken, 11s 3d, 10s 9d; B.H. Proprietary, 51s 6d; South Broken, paid, 15s 6d, 13s 9d; ditto, contributing, 13s 9d, 14s; Junction, 53s ex dividend; Junction North, 29s 3d, 29s 9d; Mount Lyell, £8 12s, £8 14s; Curtin and Davis, 11s; Hercules, 15s 9d; North Mount Lyell, 22s 6d, 23s; ditto, paid, 23s 6d, 23s 9d; South-west Curtin and Davis, 2s 1d; Tasman Lyell, 6s 6d, 6s 11d; Brown Hill Junction, 12s, 11s 3d; Ivanhoe, £10 8s; Queen Margaret, 50s, 49s, 49s 9d; ditto No. 1 South, 6s, 6s 2d; Queensland Menzies, paid, 28s 6d; Associated Gold Mines, 52s; Berry Consols Extended, 64s 6d, 64s; Central Plateau, 46s 6d, 49s, 47s; Berry West, 92s; New Kohinoor, 4s; Northern Star, 6s 6d; Plateau No. 1, 13s 6d, 14s; Sir Henry Loch, 11s 3d, 11s 6d; South Star, 47s; Spring Hill Central, 24s 9d, 25s 3d; Chalk's No. 1, 16s; Great Northern Consols, 14s, 14s 9d; ditto, paid, 20s; Great Southern Chiltern, 11s, 10s 6d; Great Southern Consols, 7s 5d, 7s 2d; M'Evoy, 4s 9d; North Prentice, 34s 6d, 34s; Prentice Freehold, 5s 9d; Southern and Prentice, paid, 6s 7½d; Koch's Pioneer, 24s 6d; Shamrock, 10s; South New Moon, 6s 10½d, 7s; Long Tunnel Extended, £26 10s; Victor's Quartz, 5s 6d; Victoria G. M. Association, 8s 4d; Beehive and German Consols, 2s 5d, 2s 2d; Corryong View, 1s; ditto, paid, 1s 4d; New Chum, St. Arnaud, 1s, 1s 1d; New Garden Reef, 4s 5d, 4s 8d; Northern Star, 6s 6d; Unicorn, 4s 8d, 4s 10d.

PERTH, Wednesday.

To-day's Exchange sales: Boulder Consols No. 1, 5s 1d; Boulder North Extended, 4s 1d; Fortune of War, 3s 5d; Lady Sherry, contributing, 2s 7d; Menzies' Blocks, contributing, 1s 6d; Menzies' Kensington, 4s 10½d.

WEST WYALONG, Thursday.

Conway's Shamrock and Thistle claim is raising very rich mineralised ironstone from the 240ft. level. The reef averages from 18 to 24 inches. Twenty-five tons of stone are at grass, and a parcel of 12 tons has been sent for chlorination treatment. The Union G.M. Company is stoping out the backs at the 110ft. level. 25 tons of mineralised stone have been paddocked. The New South Wales mine, late Klink's, is raising rich mineralised stone from the lower levels. 20 tons are paddocked. The White Reef tributors have crushed 99 tons at Cox's Huntingdon mill for 435oz. of amalgam, estimated to yield 1½oz. to the ton.

DIVIDENDS.

The following dividends have been declared, and are payable on the dates specified:—

B.H. Junction S.M. Company, January 28, 1s.
Lord Nelson, St. Arnaud, January 28, 1s.
Great Southern Garden Gully, Bendigo, January 28, 1s.
Sunlight G.M. Company, Hillgrove, January 29, 6d.
Tarrawingee Flux Company, Limited, January 29, 1s.
Great Northern Extended, Rutherglen, January, 29, 1s 6d.
Western Silver, Tasmania, January 30, 3d.
Queensland Menzies G. M. Company, W.A., February 9, 1s.
B.H. Junction North, February 10, 6d.
B.H. Proprietary Company, February 17, 1s.
The Ivanhoe G.M. Company, Kalgoorlie, February 17, 2s 6d.
The B.H. Proprietary Block 10 Company, February 17, 1s.

YIELDS.

GOLD.

Great New Zealand, Gympie, 23 tons, 106oz.
Morning Star mine, Mount Magnet (fortnight), 700oz.
South Glanmire and Monkland, Gympie, 270 tons, 160oz.
Victory United Company, Murchison, 33 tons, 103oz.

MANAGERS' REPORTS.

Ivanhoe Gold-mining Company, No Liability, Kalgoorlie, January 25.—During past four weeks crushed 666 tons of stone for 1386oz. of gold. Crushing poorer ore from developmental work accounts for low returns.

Melbourne Democrat Gold Mines, Limited, week ended January 17.—No. 3 level: North drive, total 121ft.; reef in face about 4in., good stone, country nice dark slate and schist, reef shows two well-defined walls. South drive, total 50ft.; reef in face 6in. wide, good stone. Leading stope north of winze, total 37ft. No. 2 North extended 16ft., reef about 2in. wide, payable stone. Leading stope south extended, 17ft., reef 3in. Erection of battery progressing satisfactorily.

ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

LAND AND HOUSES.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, Land and Houses, Mining Shares.

THE REGISTRAR.—At the Courthouse, Chancery-square, at 10.30, Right, Title, and Interest in Land.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

A. TRAVERSI and CO.—At their Rooms, 12 Barrack-street, at 11, Cane and Rattan Furniture, China Matting, Bamboo Blinds, Overmantels, &c.

H. W. BROOK and CO.—At 148 Elizabeth-street, at 11, Household Furniture and Effects, Piano, Counter, &c.

A. G. JENKINS.—At his Rooms, at 2.30, Ironmongery, Fancy Goods, Jewellery, &c.

L. PHILLIP.—At 108 and 106 Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo, at 11, Household Furniture and Effects.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—On the Premises, Belmore and Conder streets, Burwood, at 11, Household Furniture, Piano, Bicycle, &c.

R. F. ROYAN.—On the Premises, Cohen-street, Thornton's Hill, Manly, at 11. Household Furniture and Effects, Piano, &c.

STANWAY and SLACK.—On the Premises, 18 Jeffrey-street, Milson's Point, at 11, Household Furniture and Effects.

G. P. BAINES.—At 14 Ben Boyd-road, Neutral Bay, at 12, Household Furniture and Effects.

GUILLE and CO.—At the Rooms, Enmore-road, at 3, Furniture, &c.

J. R. LAWSON.—On the Premises, 62 Darlinghurst-road, Darlinghurst, at 11, Furniture, Pianofortes, Oil Paintings, Electroplate, &c.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Trunks, &c.

W. TROUP and CO.—At their Rooms, at 11, Household Furniture and Effects.

H. D. ELLIOTT and CO.—At 56½ York-street, at 2.30, Plant of Restaurant, Furniture, &c.

J. BROWN and CO.—At 89 Glebe-road, Glebe, at 2.30, Household Furniture, &c.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

SYDNEY WOOL-SELLING BROKERS' ASSOCIATION.—At the various Stores, at 9.30, Hides, &c.; at Wool Exchange, at 11.30, Sheepskins; at J. Bridge and Co.'s Stores, at 2.30, Tallow.

HORSES, HARNESS, AND VEHICLES.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At Bazaar, at 11 and 12, Horses, Vehicles, &c.; at Camperdown Yards, at 2.30, Horses.

J. E. O'BRIEN and CO.—At the corner of Missenden-road and Grose-street, Camperdown, at 11, Horses, Carts, &c.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At their Railway Yards, at 12, Calves, Pigs, &c.; at 1.30, Poultry, &c.; at 3, Dairy Produce.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 1.30, Calves, Lambs, Pigs, &c.; at 2, Butter, Eggs, &c.; at 3, Poultry, Pigeons, &c.

G. KISS.—At the Bazaar, at 12, Cow; at 3, Poultry.

R. LITTLE and CO.—At the Rooms, Sussex and Market streets, at 12, Maize, Straw, &c.

S. PROCTER.—At his Mart, at 1, Calves, Pigs, Poultry, &c.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At Sale Yard, Thomas-street, at 1.15, Calves, &c.; at 2.30, Poultry; at 3.45, Eggs, &c.

MISCELLANEOUS.

S. PROCTER.—At Darling Harbour, at 9, Wood, &c.

T. E. O'BRIEN and CO.—At the corner of Missenden-road and Grose-street, Camperdown, at 11, Building Materials, &c.

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THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. C. EVANS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SISTER, Elizabeth Rebecca Noonan; to move from 81 Kellick-street, Waterloo, at half-past 8 o'clock, a.m. Charles Evans.

THE FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. FREDERICK EVANS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased beloved SISTER, Mrs. Rebecca E. Noonan, which will leave her mother's residence, 81 Kellick-street, Waterloo, THIS MORNING, at half-past 8 o'clock, for the Necropolis. J. MEDCALF, Undertaker, Redfern.

MORRISSEY.—The FRIENDS of the late MARGARET MORRISSEY are kindly invited to attend her Funeral; to move from her late residence, 3 Milk-lane, off Goulburn-street, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at quarter-past 1 o'clock, to Rookwood Cemetery. CHAS. KINSELA, Undertaker.

THE FUNERAL of the late Mr. JOHN CARTY will move from 125 Harrington-street THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 1 o'clock, for the Necropolis.
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RODEN.—The FRIENDS of the deceased Mr. JOHN RODEN are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, Hermaville, Ernest-street, North Sydney, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, 12.30, for the Necropolis. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker and Embalmer, 44 York-street. Tel., 1734.

RODEN.—The FRIENDS of CHARLES and JOHN RODEN are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their deceased beloved FATHER John Roden; to move from his late residence, Hermaville, Ernest-street, North Sydney, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, 12.30, for the Necropolis. REUBEN W. THOMAS, Undertaker and Embalmer, 44 York-street. Tel., 1734.

M'ELVENEY.—The FRIENDS of the late Mr. JOHN STEPHENSON M'ELVENEY are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his residence, 52 Stewart-street, Paddington, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. W. STEWART, Undertaker, Bathurst-st. Tel., 1544.

M'ELVENEY.—The FRIENDS of Mrs. J. S. M'ELVENEY and of Mr. William James, John Stephenson, jun., and Lucy Jane, Robert Galbraith, Maud Ida, and Leopold Victor M'ELVENEY are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their beloved Husband and Father, the late Mr. John S. M'Elveney; to move from his residence, 52 Stewart-st., Paddington, THIS AFTERNOON, at half-past 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery. WALTER STEWART, Undertaker. Tel., 1544.

EDWARDS.—The FRIENDS of Mr. and Mrs. ALFRED EDWARDS are respectfully invited to attend the Funeral of their dearly beloved eldest DAUGHTER, Alice; to move from their residence, Lennox-street, Parramatta, THIS (Friday) AFTERNOON, at 5 o'clock, for Baptist Cemetery, Parramatta.
WILLIAM METCALFE, Undertaker,
Parramatta.

HARDMAN.—The FRIENDS of the late Mr. THOMAS L. HARDMAN are kindly invited to attend his Funeral; to move from his late residence, 42 George-street, Erskineville, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 1.40 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 301 King-street, Newtown.

HARDMAN.—The FRIENDS of Mrs. ANNIE HARDMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved HUSBAND, Thomas L.; to move from his late residence, 42 George-street, Erskineville, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 1.40 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, Newtown.

HARDMAN.—The FRIENDS of Mrs. ANN HARDMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of her late beloved SON, Thomas L.; to move from his late residence, 42 George-street, Erskineville, TO-MORROW, Saturday, at 1.40 p.m., for the R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. HARTLEY, Undertaker, 301 King-st., Newtown.

HARDMAN.—The FRIENDS of Messrs. JOSEPH and WILLIAM HARDMAN are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of their late beloved BROTHER, Thomas L.; to move from his late residence, 42 George-street, Erskineville, To-morrow, Saturday, at 1.40 p.m., for R.C. Cemetery, Rookwood. F. W. Hartley, 301 King-st., Nt.

HARDMAN.—The FRIENDS of Mr. EDWARD BYRNES are kindly invited to attend the Funeral of his late beloved SON-IN-LAW, Thomas L. Hardman; to move from his late residence, 42 George-street, Erskineville, To-morrow, Saturday, at 1.40 p.m., for R.C. Necropolis. F. W. Hartley, undertaker, 301 King-st., N'town.

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Municipal Elections.

WAVERLEY WARD, Waverley.—Mr. W. J. BLUNT will Address the Electors in Kenilworth-street, Bondi, Flood's Estate, at 8 o'clock TO-NIGHT.
GEO. ALEX. ABBOTT, Hon. Secretary.

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A. D. MACKENZIE, Manager.
28th January, 1897.

Religious Announcements.

YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION. ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING of Members TO-NIGHT, at 7.45, to receive Annual Report, elect Officers, &c. Chairman, J. R. FAIRFAX, Esq., President. Tea at 6.30.
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Federal Convention Elections.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.
Mr. B. R. WISE will deliver a Public ADDRESS on FEDERATION in Rainford's Hall, Cambridge Club Hotel, corner of College and Oxford streets, THIS EVENING, Friday, January 29th, at 8.
All Electors invited to attend.

Special Subject:
"UNITY, OR UNION—WHICH IS IT TO BE?"

Mr. Wise will deliver Addresses as under—
GOULBURN—Monday, February 1st, 1897.
COOTAMUNDRA—Tuesday, February 2nd, 1897.
WAGGA WAGGA—Wednesday, February 3rd, 1897.
ALBURY—Thursday, February 4th, 1897.

TO THE ELECTORS OF NEW SOUTH WALES.

Gentlemen,—Having served you in Parliament for nearly 20 years, I shall esteem it a very great honour if you deem me worthy of election to serve you in the forthcoming Conference for drafting a Federal Constitution as a basis for a future Australian Commonwealth.

I shall deal with "Federation" in many of its bearings at a Public Meeting, to be held at the New Masonic Hall, Castlereagh-street, at which Sir George Richard Dibbs, K.C.M.G., will take the chair, on Monday next, at 8 o'clock p.m.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,
HENRY COPELAND.

FEDERATION.
INDEPENDENT PATRIOTIC PARTY.
"For Federation, with Justice to New South Wales."

All who sympathise with the patriotic efforts now being made to safeguard the interests of New South Wales from being sacrificed at the Federal Convention, are requested to meet in
COMMITTEE ROOM,
PROTESTANT HALL,
CASTLEREAGH-STREET,
MONDAY NEXT, FEB. 1,
at 8 p.m.,
to confer and decide upon the best steps to be taken.

Everyone willing to help in this most important work is specially desired to make an effort to be present.

Hon. L. F. HEYDON, M.L.C., has kindly consented to preside.

Residents of distant suburbs and towns who find it impossible to attend Monday's meeting, but who are willing to help in forming local branch Patriotic Committees throughout the colony, are invited to promptly communicate with
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WANTED, a good Veg. COOK. Town Hall [illegible] Palace, George-st.

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